

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008, 7:30 P.M.

1. Call To Order.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Independence City Council was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Council Members Betts, Wallace, Gyllenblad.

ABSENT: Council Members Wenck.

STAFF; Clerk-Administrator Hirsch, Attorney Vose, Planner Lorsung.

VISITORS: Sam Vandeputte, LuAnn Brenno, Chris Cady, Brad Baker, Kathie Pluth, Jim Coleman, Eleanor Kalash, Chief Ray McCoy, Cynthia Erickson, Harry Pool.

4. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Council Minutes – December 11, 2007
- Approval of Accounts Payable for December, 2007.
- Approval of LMC Insurance Trust for City not to waive monetary limits on tort liability.
- Approval of Resolution No. 08-0122-01 Granting a variance for Building Additions to the Existing Home at 4618 South Lake Sarah Drive
- Approval of Resolution No. 08-0122-02 Approving an application for Preliminary Plat, to be known as Fox Lake Ridge for Gene Purdy.
- Approval of Resolution No. 08-0122-03 Authorizing Submittal of 2008 Grant Application for Recycling and Execution of a Grant Agreement.

Mayor Johnson asked that Resolution #08-0122-02 be removed from the consent agenda in order to make a couple of corrections.

Motion by Betts, second by Mayor Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda with the typographical changes for Resolution No. 08-0122-01 and the deletion of one word in the minutes. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson stated that the changed language in Ordinance No. 08-0122-02 will refer to the lots as "rural view lots" rather than "rural residential lots." City Planner Lorsung stated that #2 on page 2 should say "1 single-family house and related accessory buildings."

Motion by Wallace, second by Betts to approve Resolution No. 08-0122-02 with the corrections as noted. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Set Agenda – Anyone Not On The Agenda May Be Placed Under Open/Miscellaneous

Clerk Hirsch asked that #10 be removed from tonight's agenda and that we add setting a date for an informational public meeting regarding the railroad bridge replacement east of County Road 90 on Highway 12.

Mayor Johnson asked that #9 be removed from the agenda until the February 26 meeting so Council Member Wenck can be present for this discussion.

6. Reports of Boards & Committees by Council and Staff.

Gyllenblad: Police Commission, Planning Commission, Comp Plan meeting, received at least 50 calls regarding the proposed sewer line.

Wallace: Met with Clerk Hirsch to discuss procedures and operations, Planning Commission, Comp Plan meeting.

Betts: Chamber of Commerce, Parks Commission, Board of Review training, Comp Plan meeting, Experienced Officials seminar.'

Mayor Johnson: Northwest League of Municipalities meeting, two Chamber of Commerce meetings, Land Use Advisory Committee meeting for Met Council, Highway 55 Corridor Coalition meeting, CAPSH meeting, Greater Lakes Food Bank, Senior Community Services Executive Committee meeting, Police Commission, Holiday parade, met with Brad Spencer to talk about the history of the septic ordinance, Senior Community Services Executive Committee teleconference, Finance Committee for WeCAN, Board of Review training, Senior Community Services annual meeting, Orono Healthy Communities meeting, represented Hennepin Co. at the annual Master Gardeners Program, CAPSH meeting, Representative Ramstad breakfast meeting at Orono School, Planning Commission, went before Hennepin Co. Board dealing with an appointment to CAPSH, LMC Board and Building Committee meetings, and a retreat the next day, Experienced Officials workshop for two days.

Clerk Hirsch: Met with Council Member Wallace, met with LICA Board members regarding the TMDL, met with Mike Broberg who is helping update our city data base, Kristy from ABDO Eick & Meyer was here last week to close out the 4th quarter and the year 2007. I attended a recycling training session, met with a telecommunications representative.

7. Director of Public Safety – Ray McCoy:

- Approval of Resolution No. 08-0122-04 Authorizing Acceptance of a Traffic Safety Award for exceptional work at improving traffic safety.

Chief McCoy stated that the Department was given a \$2000 award for its work in improving traffic safety. It will be used for training and DWI enforcement. Some time in February they will be training elected officials. It will be a 2 1/2 course held on a Monday or a Thursday evening. Council members will coordinate their schedules with Clerk-Administrator Hirsch.

A new citizens academy will start on March 13 for Maple Plain/Independence residents. Another academy is being held for high school students. Thirteen students are attending.

Motion by Betts, second by Gyllenblad to approve Resolution No. 08-0122-04 authorizing acceptance of a traffic safety award. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Bradley Baker - A & P Auto Specialties, Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a business that sells retail auto parts, used auto parts, provide full service and repair as well as selling pre-owned Audi and Porsche vehicles at 1960 County Road 90, Suite 100.

Sam Vandeputte was present to answer questions. City Planner Lorsung reviewed the request for council members. She stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

Mayor Johnson asked how used oil would be handled. Planner Lorsung stated that no storage is planned at the facility, as a third-party company will be removing any used fluids from the site.

Motion by Wallace, second by Gyllenblad to approve the request as forwarded by the Planning Commission. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Request Approval of an amendment to Chapter 7 of Independence City Code to Address Individual Sewage Treatment System Regulations, Ordinance No. 2007-03.

(This will be discussed at the February 26 meeting.)

10. Jeff Vanderlinde - Delano Dodge, Discuss the temporary use of the old Drill Co (Ron Motzko's) property located on Hwy 12 and Lake Haughey Road through road and bridge construction.

(Mr. Vanderlinde asked to be removed, as they selected a different location.)

11. Select the Local Board of Review of Appeal and Equalization Date.

Motion by Betts, second by Mayor Johnson to hold the local Board of Review of Appeal on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Select a workshop update for TMDL and MS4 information.

Pioneer Sarah Watershed Commission will be holding this workshop. Council members agreed that Thursday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. would be a suitable time for all of them. If this works for Council Member Wenck, the workshop will be held on this date.

13. Open/Misc.

Railroad Bridge Replacement: Clerk Hirsch has spoken with the MNDoT project manager from our district, who would be at the meeting to brief people on the schedule and to answer questions. Mayor Johnson thought a joint open house for Maple Plain and Independence, held in the afternoon, and again in the evening, would make the most sense. He asked Clerk Hirsch to decide on a date with the project manager and to let Council know. He said they usually put a variety of maps on the walls and anyone can ask questions and make comments.

Clerk Hirsch spoke with the project manager and learned that they will be closing Highway 12 between County Road 90 and County Road 83 for about two weeks this fall while fill is being brought in for the "shoefly." They will be more certain of dates as time goes on. She stated that the summer of 2009 is the scheduled time for the bridge replacement, but that there is a 60% chance of delay of the project.

14. Adjourn.

Motion by Wallace, second by Betts to adjourn. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mollie Little, Recording Secretary