

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007, 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 Marvin 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 Fisher, Betts, Strong, Gyllenblad.

STAFF: Clerk-Administrator Hirsch, Attorney Vose.

VISITORS: Rachel Myskevitz, Dan Jordal, LuAnn Brenno, Police Chief Ray McCoy, Dave Callister.

4. CONSENT AGENDA. APPROVE:

- March 27, 2007 Council Minutes.
- April 2007 Accounts Payable.
- Resolution No. 07-0410-01, to amend the conditional use permit for a trucking and general service business at 4885 Perkinsville Road.
- Resolution No. 07-0410-02, to allow for the design and construction of a storage condo at 1940 County Road 90.
- Third Annual Triathlon on Saturday, June 9, 2007.

Motion by Fisher, second by Betts to approve the Consent Agenda. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

5. SET AGENDA.

- Gravel bids
- Letter from Gene Purdy

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF.

Gyllenblad: Took 75 phone calls regarding valuations, 15 phone calls regarding comp. plan.

Strong: Thanked Council and Staff for thoughts and prayers and cards. Attended Delano School's DARE graduation, Northwest League meetings.

Betts: Police Academy graduation.

Fisher: Parks Commission, and received several phone calls regarding valuations.

Mayor: Sensible Land Use, Joint legislative conference w/school boards, counties and cities; County, City, School Boards Executive Committee, LMC Board meeting, attended State of the County, CAPSH workshop, Steering Committee for Active Living, MN Prayer Breakfast in St. Paul, had an interview with the auditors, attended Jim Ramstad's forum in Wayzata, WeCAN Board meeting, Citizens Academy graduation, Lake Minnetonka area Mayor's prayer breakfast and several questions from residents on valuations.

Clerk Hirsch: Met with Gary Thompson from LMC insurance, attended the last Parks, Trails and Open Space meeting, election meeting, met with Dan Koch and Engineer Roger Larson re. Drake Drive improvement money owed the city by the developer, attended Hennepin Co. HRA meeting in place of Mayor Johnson, and auditors were here last week. Had our workers compensation audit last week also. Attended Parks Commission last week. Met with Glen Gustafson of Boonstroo Associates. Received four calls re. requests for proposals for comp plan. Harold Burroughs invited council members to the remaining two stakeholders meetings for Lake Sarah, Wednesday April 18 or Thursday April 26. John Utley from Kennedy & Graven called regarding a \$4.6 million project for improvements to an existing facility. They would like to use \$3.5 million of funds that would be available to Independence to use. We would receive about \$17,500, would not be responsible for the loan in any way, and all the work would be completed by Kennedy & Graven with no charge to us. (We went through this process several years ago and received about \$45,000. We are just conveying a portion of our tax-exempt ability to another city.)

Motion by Betts, second by Mayor Johnson to authorize Clerk Hirsch to have the paperwork prepared for the funding request. Voting Aye: Mayor Johnson, Council Members Fisher, Betts, Strong, Voting Nay: Council Member Gyllenblad. MOTION CARRIED.

7. DAVE CALLISTER, EHLERS & ASSOCIATES - DRAFT INVESTMENT PLAN.

Mr. Callister reviewed the draft that his firm had prepared. He noted there are checks and balances written to protect the city. Mayor Johnson asked if it is a new requirement to have a written investment plan. Callister replied that it is not new, but it is a good policy to have. He noted that it might not be necessary to review this annually. He thought every three years would be sufficient.

Mr. Callister suggested a few minor changes. Mayor Johnson suggested that council members review the draft and give any additional suggestions and changes to Clerk Hirsch before the next council meeting for another reading of this document.

8. DISCUSSION OF NAME CHANGE FOR POLICE COMMISSION.

Mayor Johnson stated that the information that Council Member Gyllenblad provided on this subject was given to council members at the last meeting. Included in the packet was a memo from Kennedy & Graven. Mayor Johnson stated that our police commission was organized under State Statute 436. Gyllenblad thought it should not be a police commission, but a simple joint powers agreement.

Attorney Vose stated that it is a joint powers police commission. There is another statute (Statute 471.59) that allows for police civil service commissions, which are more common with larger cities. He thought the confusion was caused by the fact that there is more than one state statute.

The statutes say that the city councils must be represented on the commission, and by agreement you may add other members. The present agreement between Maple Plain and Independence does not provide for members other than council members.

Council Member Gyllenblad stated that he brought the subject up originally because he had been approached by several citizens saying they would like to sit in on the meetings, but the times were so inconvenient. Mayor Johnson stated that they could consider changing times, but seldom were there visitors when the meetings were held in the evenings. Chief McCoy stated that with the morning meetings he didn't have to pay overtime, and it shortened up his day. It was also convenient for the commission members.

9. CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN REQUEST FOR DESIGN TEAM MEMBER FROM INDEPENDENCE.

Clerk Hirsch stated that the City of Maple Plain would like us to endorse the design team's ideas, and they would like a council member to be on the team who could relay information back to the council. Mayor Johnson thought there are a couple of Independence residents on the team now. Clerk Hirsch will find out where and when the meetings are held, and how often. Council members felt they could attend meetings occasionally on a rotational basis.

10. OPEN/MISCELLANEOUS.

- GRAVEL BIDS. Public Works Director Koch provided a bid sheet for council members along with his recommendation.

Motion by Strong, second by Gyllenblad to award the class 5 gravel and winter sand to Hassen Sand and Gravel, recycled conbit to William F. Mueller & Sons and Class 2 limestone to Bryan Rock, per Mr. Koch's recommendation. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

- LETTER FROM GENE PURDY.

Mayor Johnson didn't want to take any action on the letter that was received late this afternoon in the office. None of the Council members had had a chance to review the documents. They agreed that more time should be taken to review a legislative issue.

Motion by Betts, second by Fisher to table the matter indefinitely.

11. ADJOURN.

Motion by Betts, second by Fisher to adjourn. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mollie Little, Recording Secretary