

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007, 7:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

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

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: Nate Jerde with Maple Plain Fire Department, Julie Gunderson, Dave Callister, Leo Poole, Harry Pool.

4. CONSENT AGENDA. APPROVE:

- January 23, 2007 Council Minutes.
- February 2007 Accounts Payable.
- Payment Request No. 5, Drake Drive Improvements, Buffalo Bituminous.

Gyllenblad asked for one change to the minutes, page 2 third line of the third bullet point: "Gyllenblad stated that he had 15 phone calls with the same request."

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

5. SET AGENDA.

Gyllenblad would like to change the name "Police Commission" to "Joint Powers Commission." Mayor Johnson asked if this could be put on the next agenda so the Council could be prepared with necessary documents. Gyllenblad agreed to this request.

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

Gyllenblad: Delano School faculty task force meeting, Planning Commission.

Strong: Sensible Land Use, LMC conference for elected officials.

Betts: LMC conference for elected officials, Parks Commission meeting, Chamber of Commerce.

Fisher: Planning Commission.

Mayor: CAPSH Board meeting, LMC conference for elected officials, Greater Lakes Food Bank Board meeting, testified at the Capitol for LMC, Maple Terrace Apartment meeting, telephone interview with candidates for LMC Trust Fund, MNDoT Open House re. Highway 55, Sensible Land Use, State and Local Government working group meeting (townships, counties, schools,) Mayors Reception for St. Paul winter carnival. Ridgeview Hospital meeting regarding addition and new equipment, Orono Healthy Communities meeting, Chamber of Commerce, Finance Committee for Senior Community Services, WECAN Board meeting, Orono School Board.

7. PRESENT RECOGNITION PLAQUE TO PARKS COMMISSIONER JOE GEELAN .

Mr. Geelan was not present.

8. DAVE CALLISTER, EHLERS & ASSOCIATES, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 07-0213-01 AUTHORIZING SALE OF EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATES.

Mr. Callister reported that we received two bids on our bond sale (and a third bid came in too late.) The Bank of Maple Plain bid 3.9076% interest. The closing date is March 13, when we will be wired the money for equipment purchases. There were no questions.

Mr. Callister presented a draft of an investment policy. He asked that council members read through the draft and give any comments to Clerk Hirsch. He would like to return some time in March to review the policy with Council.

Motion by Betts, second by Fisher to approve Resolution No. 07-0213-01. Voting Aye: Mayor Johnson, Council Members Fisher, Betts, Strong. Nay: Council Member Gyllenblad. MOTION CARRIED.

9. MAPLE PLAIN FIRE CHIEF NATE JERDE, FIREMEN BRAD COUSER AND TOM LOWRY - ANNUAL REPORT AND REPORT ON PLANS FOR 2007.

Chief Jerde thanked the Council for its support over the past year. He presented a brief summary of last year's activities. Officers this year are Jerde, Tom Lowry and Brad Couser. There are 25 firemen on the roster: six from Independence, sixteen from Maple Plain, two from Medina and one from Watertown who works in Maple Plain. About 80% of the calls were medical calls, which seems to be quite typical for fire departments across the country.

A new tanker truck was purchased in 2006. The Department purchased some equipment with grant money. Overall, it was a very safe year. He would like to focus on additional training this year. He stated that there are lots of opportunities that they would like to take advantage of. He would also like to get more firemen on board. Council Member Betts wondered if the Fire Department could have a Citizens Academy like the police do, or have booth at various events, to familiarize people with the role of the fire department.

Mayor Johnson thanked Nate for his dedication to the job, and for the report. He reminded everyone that Clerk Hirsch has contact information for Nate if anyone ever wants to reach him for any reason.

10. OPEN/MISCELLANEOUS.

11. ADJOURN.

Motion by Fisher, second by Gyllenblad to adjourn. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mollie Little, Recording Secretary