



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. \*\*\*\*\*Consent Agenda\*\*\*\*\*

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Council and will be acted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the January 6, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.

b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 - Checks No. 24141-24171).

c. Confirming the Date of the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting for Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

d. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Building Permit Report – For Information

5. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.

6. West Hennepin Public Safety – Director Mattew DuRose: Presentation of the December 2025 Activity Reports.

7. Planning Commission Appointments.

a. **RESOLUTION No. 26-0120-01** - Approval of Planning Commission Reappointments for Robert Gardner, Hal Tearse and Jon-Paul Story.

8. Consider Approval of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Agreement with Hennepin County.

a. **RESOLUTION No. 26-0120-02** – Considering approval of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Agreement with Hennepin County.

9. Open/Misc.

10. Adjourn.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY JANUARY 6, 2026

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brad Spencer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:30 PM

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Spencer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Spencer, Fisher, McCoy, Grotting (virtual)

ABSENT: Betts

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Administrative Services Director Simon, PW  
Supervisor Ben Lehman

**4. \*\*\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*\***

Mayor Spencer stated that the consent agenda items would be considered routine and acted on by one motion unless someone would like to remove an item for discussion. The consent agenda

- a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the December 16, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes from the December 16, 2025, Joint City Council Meeting (City of Independence and City of Maple Plain)
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 - Checks No. 24107-24140).
- d. *For Information* – Elected and Appointed Current Term Status.

**Motion by Fisher, seconded by McCoy to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Spencer, Fisher, McCoy, Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0**

**5. Annual City Council Appointments.**

**a. **RESOLUTION No. 26-0106-01 - Annual Organizational Appointments.****

The Council reviewed the annual organizational appointments. Mayor noted that Councilmember Steve Grotting would be absent frequently during the spring and asked if he wanted to continue with his current appointments or make changes. Grotting expressed a preference to maintain his positions with backup support when needed. Councilmember Fisher agreed to serve as Grotting's backup for Public Works when he is unavailable.

The Council also discussed other appointments, including the Maple Plain Fire Department Commission, which is anticipated to be terminated in the next couple of months following the fire department merger. The Mayor indicated he would contact Joe Baker to confirm his willingness to continue serving in his appointed role.

The Council also briefly discussed the requirement to maintain official newspapers for legal notices, with Crow River News designated as the official paper and Pioneer and Delano as optional papers for publication. There was discussion about the outdated nature of this state requirement given declining newspaper subscriptions, with the hope that eventually state statute would change to allow website posting for legal purposes.

**Motion by McCoy, seconded by Fisherto approve Resolution 26-0106-01 for annual organization appointments. Ayes: Spencer, Fisher, McCoy, Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0**

6. Annual Fee Schedule Adoption.

a. **ORDINANCE No. 2026-01 – Adopting the 2026 Fee Schedule Adoption.**

City Administrator Mark presented the annual fee schedule, noting that there were no significant changes from the previous year except for a recommended 3% increase in the city sewer quarterly access and availability charges to keep pace with inflation. He explained that a comprehensive sewer fund capital plan is in development and will be presented to the Council in the first half of the year.

The Administrator further detailed that staff has been evaluating all 34 lift stations, including pumps, panels, and physical structures, to create a 10-year capital plan for the sewer system. This will allow for better financial planning rather than the reactive approach taken in previous years. The Mayor noted that historically the sewer fund had been managed on a break-even basis including depreciation but without adequate capital budgeting for replacements.

**Motion by McCoy, seconded by Fisher to approve Ordinance 2026-01 adopting the 2026 Fee Schedule. Ayes: Spencer, Fisher, McCoy, Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0**

7. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.

**Council member Fisher Attended the following meeting:**

- None

**Council member McCoy Attended the following meeting:**

- Joint Council Meeting

**Council member Grotting Attended the following meeting:**

- Conversation with Lehman about upcoming PW projects for this year

**Mayor Spencer Attended the following meeting:**

- Joint Council Meeting
- Met with Mayor Maas-Kuske

8. Open/Misc.

The Mayor reported on discussions with Mayor Julie Mosski regarding the potential establishment of a special taxing district overlay for fire services, which would not necessarily run the fire department but would pay for fire services. This would offer flexibility and could incorporate factors beyond taxable market value, such as calls for service. He noted that Medina has also expressed interest in this approach, and suggested employing lobbyists to help draft legislation for a special district.

Councilmember McCoy mentioned the importance of participating in the upcoming fire station study.

The Administrator provided an update on the water feasibility study, indicating that internal meetings have been held with consultants and another meeting is scheduled for January 14th. Following that meeting, a workshop will be scheduled with the Council to present initial findings regarding water service options for future development areas.

The Mayor informed the Council that Medina will be discussing the Lake Independence/Snow Lake zone on January 20th, which conflicts with Independence's meeting schedule. He noted that Medina's draft ordinance still included wake boat regulations that Independence had removed from their version, suggesting further coordination would be needed to avoid confusion during the upcoming boating season.

The Mayor also shared that he had received Greenfield's engineering study for improvements to the Lakes boat access, which proposed \$400,000 in upgrades to make it ADA compliant without adding capacity. He has been in communication with the DNR about the project and noted that Independence controls the top of the hill and should have input on any changes.

The Administrator reported that the city had been released from its MS4 permit requirements, though staff would evaluate which construction policies meeting those standards should be maintained despite being relieved from the reporting requirements.

9. Adjourn.

**Motion by McCoy, seconded by Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 6:49PM. Ayes: Fisher, Spencer, McCoy, Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0**

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

To: City Clerk/City Administrator of Independence

From: Kim Jensen

Date: December 23, 2025

Re: 2026 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting

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Tuesday, April 7, 2026

6:00 PM

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Date

Time

Minnesota Statute 274.01, Subdivision 1, requires that the County Assessor set the date and time for your local board of appeal and equalization meeting. We are proposing the above date and time.

It's important to have a quorum and a minimum of one trained board member at the meeting. Please confirm the proposed date and time will allow your board to accommodate those requirements. If you wish to change the date, send an alternative to me by January 21, 2026. We will try to accommodate the new date, but our staffing needs may not allow it.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [kim.jensen@hennepin.us](mailto:kim.jensen@hennepin.us).

Please return this form to [AO.Programs@hennepin.us](mailto:AO.Programs@hennepin.us).

### **CONFIRMATION**

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	Hybrid		

City Clerk/Administrator Signature

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Commercial		New House		Septic		Surcharges						Paid Via (Check/Cash/ In-person terminal/online)							
Approved Date	Submission Date	#	Applicant	Address	PID #	Permit Type	Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee	Re-Roof/Re-Side	Mechanical	Plumbing	Base Value	Septic	Sewer	Total Fees includes surcharge	Total Surcharge	Total Fees w/o surcharge	Value	Final
10/2/25	8/6/25	25-248	Jason Stinson	7949 Co Rd 11	04-34-0001	Dry Hydran	\$ 559.03	\$ 363.37				\$ 20.00			\$ 942.40	\$ 20.00	\$ 922.40	\$ 40,000.00	CC
10/2/25	9/3/25	25-249	Neil Abel	2175 McDowell Lane	23-11-0004	Plumbing P	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,350.00	CC
10/6/25	8/30/25	25-250	Tom Rood	8565 Co Rd 11	08-21-0002	Deck	\$ 413.39	\$ 268.70				\$ 13.00			\$ 695.09	\$ 13.00	\$ 682.09	\$ 26,000.00	CHECK 8565
10/6/25	9/28/25	25-251	Aaron Lewicki	6935 Dylan Lane	03-13-0004	3 windows	\$ 120.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 121.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 12,065.00	CHECK 38658
10/6/25	9/2/25	25-252	Brad Radtke	2676 Co Rd 90	14-32-0005	New Const	\$ 820.74	\$ 468.48	\$ 1.00			\$ 29.00			\$ 1,319.22	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,289.22	\$ 57,500.00	CHECK 2438
10/6/25	9/2/25	25-253	Tony Hartman	10 Ingerson Rd N	34-43-0002	Deck/Porch	\$ 872.15	\$ 566.90				\$ 39.50			\$ 1,478.55	\$ 39.50	\$ 1,439.05	\$ 78,500.00	CHECK 1298
10/8/25	9/5/25	25-254	Danielle DeMarre	1235 Co Rd 90	27-14-0007	Roof Mount	\$ 186.69	\$ 121.35				\$ 5.00			\$ 313.04	\$ 5.00	\$ 308.04	\$ 9,520.00	Online
10/1/25	8/29/25	25-255	Curt Swanson	2112 Bridgeview Ct	24-14-0033	New SFD	\$ 10,119.51	\$ 5,700.18	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 880.00			\$ 7,760.00	\$ 24,461.69	\$ 882.00	\$ 23,579.69	\$ 1,950,000.00
10/9/25	9/25/25	25-256	Trina Sachs	3810 County Line Rd	07-22-0002	Pool	\$ 1,281.24	\$ 702.81		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 55.00			\$ 2,041.05	\$ 57.00	\$ 1,984.05	\$ 110,000.00	CC
10/9/25	10/1/25	25-257	Haferman Water Cor	362 County Rd 92 N	32-41-0001	Plumbing V	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,000.00	CC
10/9/25	10/1/25	25-258	Sela Roofing	5024 Perkinsville Rd	24-13-0017	Re-Roof Ho	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00					\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 16,000.00	CC
10/9/25	10/7/25	25-259	Charles Wark	5975 Merz Way	14-42-0006	Mechanical	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 16,500.00	CC
10/9/25	9/2/25	25-260	Lars Erikson	5865 Kochs Crossing	11-13-0002	Plumbing V	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	CC
10/9/25	10/8/25	25-261	Wade Sedgwick	4490 Lake Sarah Dr	02-24-0010	Mechanical	\$ 200.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 201.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 12,194.00	CC
10/10/25	8/28/25	25-262	Amber Ellison	5950 Fieldstone Pl	23-12-0018	Kitchen Ren	\$ 200.00			\$ 1.00		\$ 1.00			\$ 202.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 75,000.00	CK#8744
10/13/25	10/6/25	25-263	Aly Geertsma	5178 Fern Dr	01-42-0018	Mechanical	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,000.00	CC
10/13/25	9/3/25	25-264	Derek Wellberg	6926 Pagenhopf Rd	15-31-0001	Pool	\$ 1,187.51	\$ 641.88				\$ 1.00	\$ 47.50		\$ 1,878.89	\$ 49.50	\$ 1,829.39	\$ 95,000.00	CC
10/13/25	10/11/25	25-265	Josh Sovala	9085 Hwy 12	18-12-0016	Re-Roof	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00					\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,512.00	CC
10/13/25	9/30/25	25-266	Aaron Pouliot	7388 Co Rd 11 (Agriculture)	04-43-0003	New Const	\$ -								\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00
10/13/25	10/9/25	25-267	Carlo Gremar	3310 County Line Rd SE	07-33-0004	Telecomm	\$ 402.99	\$ 261.94				\$ 12.50			\$ 677.43	\$ 12.50	\$ 664.93	\$ 25,000.00	CC
10/13/25	10/7/25	25-268	Gage Wood	6625 Fogelman Road	10-43-0010	Plumbing P	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,000.00	CC
10/16/25	9/8/25	25-269	Nate Sherburne	1248 Nelson Road	30-13-0003	New SFD	\$ 5,631.63	\$ 2,731.06	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 339.00			\$ 8,703.69	\$ 341.00	\$ 8,362.69	\$ 677,975.78	CC
10/16/25	10/5/25	25-270	Aaron Lewicki	3670 Lake Haughey Rd	08-23-0012	Patio Door	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00					\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 21,000.00	Pd Ck#38742
10/16/25	10/12/25	25-271	Aaron Lewicki	2665 Nelson Rd	18-31-0004	Window an	\$ 110.00			\$ 1.00					\$ 111.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 13,392.00	Pd Ck#38742
10/20/25	9/5/25	25-272	Edward Anders	860 Kunts Dr	28-34-0003	Addition	\$ 4,929.26	\$ 2,801.02	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 350.00			\$ 8,082.28	\$ 352.00	\$ 7,730.28	\$ 700,000.00	CC
10/20/25	6/17/25	25-273	Austin LeBrun	5060 Macalister Dr	25-42-0004	Mechanical	\$ 300.00			\$ 1.00					\$ 301.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 32,494.23	CC
10/20/25	10/15/25	25-274	American Steel Carp	5176 County Rd 11	01-43-0002	Garage	\$ 302.05	\$ 196.33				\$ 9.00			\$ 507.38	\$ 9.00	\$ 498.38	\$ 18,000.00	CC
10/21/25	9/18/25	25-275	Ellen Bracken Wiese	6100 Stone Ct	23-21-0007	Sunroom	\$ 771.21	\$ 501.29				\$ 32.50			\$ 1,305.00	\$ 32.50	\$ 1,272.50	\$ 65,000.00	Visa
10/21/25	9/26/25	25-276	Gregg Hanson	3825 County Road 90	11-21-0004	Finish/remo	\$ 100.17	\$ 65.11				\$ 2.00			\$ 167.28	\$ 2.00	\$ 165.28	\$ 4,000.00	Am Ex
10/22/25	8/23/25	25-277	William Stoddard	9285 Babcock Blvd (Hwy 12)	18-22-0002	Pavillion	\$ 1,173.53	\$ 762.79				\$ 63.00			\$ 1,999.32	\$ 63.00	\$ 1,936.32	\$ 125,600.00	CK#10038
10/22/25	6/4/25	25-278	Kari Gerber	87 McCulley Rd	36-44-0009	185' Mono	\$ 2,465.56	\$ 1,602.62				\$ 175.00			\$ 4,243.18	\$ 175.00	\$ 4,068.18	\$ 350,000.00	CC
10/22/25	10/8/25	25-279	Kelly Brouwer	1759 County Line Rd SE	19-34-0003	Adding wall	\$ 46.20	\$ 30.03				\$ 1.00			\$ 77.23	\$ 1.00	\$ 76.23	\$ 1,200.00	CC
10/22/25	10/15/25	25-280	Steve Trumble	2090 Budd St N	24-13-0009	Mechanical	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,500.00	CC
10/22/25	10/21/25	25-281	Glowing Hearth	217 Hamilton Hills	35-41-0007	Fireplace	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	CC
10/23/25	10/8/25	25-282	Leonard Oscar Jr	5491 Lake Sarah Heights Dr	01-23-0007	Re-Roof	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00					\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 16,000.00	CC
10/23/25	9/5/25	25-283	Joe Fake	3550 Co Line Rd	07-31-0002	New Const	\$ 1,461.93	\$ 950.00				\$ 88.00			\$ 2,499.93	\$ 88.00	\$ 2,411.93	\$ 175,000.00	CK#7887
10/23/25	9/30/25	25-284	Dingman Hornes	3761 William Way	11-13-0010	New SFD	\$ 7,837.01	\$ 4,164.55	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 580.00			\$ 12,583.56	\$ 582.00	\$ 12,001.56	\$ 1,200,000.00	CK#14286
10/27/25	10/13/25	25-285	Lonnie Krohn	5705 Kochs Crossing	11-14-0008	Remodel	\$ 878.42	\$ 505.97				\$ 33.00			\$ 1,418.39	\$ 34.00	\$ 1,384.39	\$ 66,400.00	CC
10/27/25	10/22/25	25-286	Jake Olejar	3104 Nelson Rd	18-12-0006	Plumbing	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,000.00	CC
10/28/25	10/9/25	25-287	Jessica Noaeill	5865 Kochs Crossing	11-13-0009	Storage Sh	\$ 186.69	\$ 121.35				\$ 5.00			\$ 313.04	\$ 5.00	\$ 308.04	\$ 10,000.00	CC
10/28/25	10/25/25	25-288	Francis Koubsky	7165 Turner Rd	27-32-0004	Windows(3	\$ 120.00	\$ 1.00							\$ 121.00	\$ -	\$ 121.00	\$ 6,987.00	CC
10/29/25	9/16/25	25-289	Kristen Obo	823 Copeland Rd	31-11-0003	Replace An	\$ 258.79	\$ 168.21				\$ 7.50			\$ 434.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 427.00	\$ 15,000.00	CC
10/29/25	10/28/25	25-290	Craig Huart	4635 S Lake Sarah Dr	02-23-0011	Re-Roof	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00					\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25,000.00	CC
10/29/25	10/16/25	25-291	Derek Brouillet	2625 Geggen Tina Rd	15-31-0004	Bathroom	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,000.00	CC
10/30/25	10/23/25	25-292	James Lindberg	9285 US Hwy 12	18-21-0001	Septic- Bldg 1									\$ 400.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 40,000.00	CK#16124
10/30/25	9/11/25	25-293	Alex Molitor	4950 Eagle Ridge Rd	01-11-0006	New Const	\$ 893.78	\$ 580.96				\$ 41.00			\$ 1,515.74	\$ 41.00	\$ 1,474.74	\$ 82,000.00	CC
10/30/25	10/30/25	25-294	Matt Simon	6625 Fogelman Rd	10-43-0010	Septic									\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,000.00	CK#1082
11/3/25	9/11/25	25-295	Eric Hill	18 Goff Walk	32-42-0001	Rain Shette	\$ 1,375.37	\$ 894.02				\$ 80.50			\$ 2,349.89	\$ 80.50	\$ 2,269.39	\$ 160,000.00	CC
11/4/25	10/19/25	25-296	Daniel & Wanda Roa	2465 Co Rd 92 N	17-44-0009	Porch Dec	\$ 1,844.56	\$ 1,133.97	\$ 1.00			\$ 112.50			\$ 3,092.03	\$ 113.50	\$ 2,978.53	\$ 225,000.00	CC
11/7/25	10/20/25	25-297	Jacob Hallen	5451 Anderson Estates Rd	36-23-0011	Deck	\$ 455.00	\$ 295.75				\$ 15.00			\$ 765.75	\$ 15.00	\$ 750.75	\$ 30,000.00	CC
11/10/25	10/1/25	25-298	Scott Mayer	3525 Independence Rd	11-41-0005	Remodel	\$ 270.00					\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		\$ 272.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 60,000.00	CC
11/12/25	10/29/25	25-299	Glowing Hearth and	5950 Fieldstone Pl	23-12-0018	Fireplace	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00					\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00	CC
11/12/25	10/30/25	25-300	Paul Kunstleben	7949 County Rd 11	09-22-0004	Plumbing	\$ 100.00					\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 40,000.00	CC
11/12/25	10/29/25	25-301	Jenna Hirsch	5709 Lake Sarah Heights Dr	02-11-0008	Fireplace	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00					\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 14,000.00	CC
11/13/25	10/28/25	25-302	Nate Sherburne	1248 Nelson Rd	30-13-0003	Fence	\$ 40.00								\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 5,000	

11/20/25	10/29/25	25-308	Tundraland	3025 County Rd 90 N	15-11-0006	Finish / Ren	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 12,865.00	CC			
11/20/25	11/7/25	25-309	Lars Erikson	3668 William Way	11-42-0003	Plumbing -	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	CC			
11/20/25	11/14/25	25-310	Tim Underhill	5975 Merz Way	14-42-0006	Mechanical	\$ 200.00			\$ 1.00			\$ 201.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 8,500.00	CC			
11/21/25		25-311	Peak Excavation	8725 Hitsman Lane	17-22-0004	Demo alt b)	\$ 300.00						\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 48,000.00	CC			
11/24/25	45960	25-312	Carol Jetzer	5164 Cr Rd 19	36-43-0001	Mechanical	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 14,000.00				
11/24/25	45980	25-313	Dawn Koran	2175 McDow Ln	23-11-0004	Mechanical	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00				
12/2/25	45979	25-314	Mad Baths	4485 Eagle Ridge Ct	01-13-0006	Plumbing /	\$ 272.27	\$ 111.60		\$ 1.00	\$ 4.50		\$ 389.37	\$ 5.50	\$ 383.87	\$ 9,500.00	CC			
12/2/25	45985	25-315	MN Exteriors	6920 Dylan Ln	03-14-0004	Re-Side	\$ 100.00		\$ 1.00				\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 15,030.00	CC			
12/2/25	45985	25-316	Fireside Hearth & Hov	4986 S Lakeshore Dr	24-11-0001	Gas Fireplace	\$ 100.00		\$ 1.00				\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,919.00	CC			
12/11/25	45986	25-317	American Waterwork	4825 Broadmoor Dr	25-44-0015	Radon Mitg	\$ 100.00		\$ 1.00				\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,477.44	CC			
12/11/25	45992	25-318	Paul Reiland	5705 Kochs Crossing	11-14-0008	Plumbing	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,000.00	CC			
12/11/25	45995	25-319	Dawn Reinking-Brun	6200 Stephanie Way	02-24-0014	Mechanical	\$ 100.00		\$ 1.00				\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 22,226.00	CC			
12/11/25	45995	25-320	Courtney Bolton	5705 Kochs Crossing	11-14-0008	Mechanical	\$ 100.00		\$ 1.00				\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,000.00	CC			
12/11/25	45961	25-321	Todd Cebulla	5925 Providence Curve	14-43-0012	Addition	\$ 2,585.59	\$ 1,505.14		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 162.00		\$ 4,254.73	\$ 164.00	\$ 4,090.73	\$ 324,000.00	CC		
12/16/25	46007	25-322	All Around Property	7376 Turner Rd	28-14-0005	Window (1)	\$ 100.00		\$ 1.00				\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 19,215.38	CC			
12/22/25	45887	25-323	John Radford	7045 Pagenkopf Rd	15-32-0002	Demo Horn	\$ 100.00						\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	CC			
12/22/25	45928	25-324	Todd Fobbe	6115 County Road 11	11-21-0006	Pole Shed	\$ -						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	AG - No Charge			
12/22/25	12/17/25	25-325	Brad Spencer	4510 Shady Beach Cir	02-24-0006	Plumbing	\$ 100.00			\$ 1.00			\$ 101.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 15,000.00	CC			
12/23/25	11/2/25	25-326	Matthew Ester	2998 Lindgren Lane	13-24-0005	Deck	\$ 663.06	\$ 430.99			\$ 25.00			\$ 1,119.05	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,094.05	\$ 50,000.00	CC		
12/23/25	10/20/25	25-327	Sara Stearns	1550 Nelson Blvd	30-22-0002	New SFD	\$ 10,102.55	\$ 6,059.65		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 937.50	\$ 400.00		\$ 17,501.70	\$ 939.50	\$ 16,562.20	\$ 212,574.00	Ck#40378	

Date: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

To: Public Safety Commissioners  
City of Independence Council Members  
City of Maple Plain Council Members

From: Director Matt DuRose

SUBJECT: DECEMBER 2025 ACTIVITY REPORT



The purpose of this report is to give the reader a quick overview of the activities of the Public Safety Department each month. It also compares monthly and year-to-date information to the reader.

The report is broken down into five categories, as defined by the Criminal Justice Reporting System.

**CRIMINAL--** Criminal is broken down into Part I and Part II crimes.

Part I includes crimes against persons versus crimes against property; criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery assault, aggravated assault, burglary -breaking or entering, larceny-theft, larceny analysis, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Part II includes other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, buying, receiving, possession; vandalism, weapons, carrying, possessing, etc.; prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses; drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor laws, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, all other offenses, suspicion, curfew and loitering laws - persons under 18; and runaways - persons under 18.

**TRAFFIC--** Includes violations of the road and driving laws.

**PART III--** Lost and Found: Includes lost and found persons, animals, and property, and stalled and abandoned vehicles.

**PART IV--** Casualties: Includes all motor vehicle crashes, boating, and snowmobile; public home occupational accidents, fires, suicides, sudden deaths, burning permits, and burning violations.

**PART V--** Miscellaneous Public: Includes open doors, gun permit applications, suspicious activities, animal complaints, motorist assists, alarm calls, parking complaints, house checks, driving complaints, civil matters, family disputes, department assists.

The balance of the report shows the total number of incidents handled, miles driven and how the Public Safety Department received calls. If anyone should desire more detailed statistical data, please contact my office.

Monthly Activity Report					
December 2025					
Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year		This Year To Date	Last Year To Date
<b>City Of Independence</b>					
Criminal	6	5		65	48
Traffic	83	82		1,336	912
Part III	5	3		57	96
Part IV	32	20		372	375
Part V	106	115		1,332	1,353
<b>Total City of Independence</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>225</b>		<b>3,162</b>	<b>2,784</b>
<b>City Of Maple Plain</b>					
Criminal	7	3		46	31
Traffic	33	28		589	297
Part III	1	2		32	47
Part IV	14	52		434	325
Part V	64	45		624	624
<b>Total City Of Maple Plain</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>130</b>		<b>1,725</b>	<b>1,324</b>
<b>Grand Total Both Cities</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>355</b>		<b>4,887</b>	<b>4,108</b>
TZD	0	0		209	279
Agency Assists	35	25		395	320
<b>Total ICR Reports</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>380</b>		<b>5,491</b>	<b>4,707</b>
<b>How Received</b>					
Fax	9	10		89	65
In Person	4	15		134	169
Mail	0	0		6	12
Other	3	0		14	5
Phone	11	21		212	276
Radio	172	161		2,099	1,952
Visual	152	145		2,477	1,693
Email	13	5		161	181
Lobby Walk In	22	23		299	354
<b>Total</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>380</b>		<b>5,491</b>	<b>4,707</b>

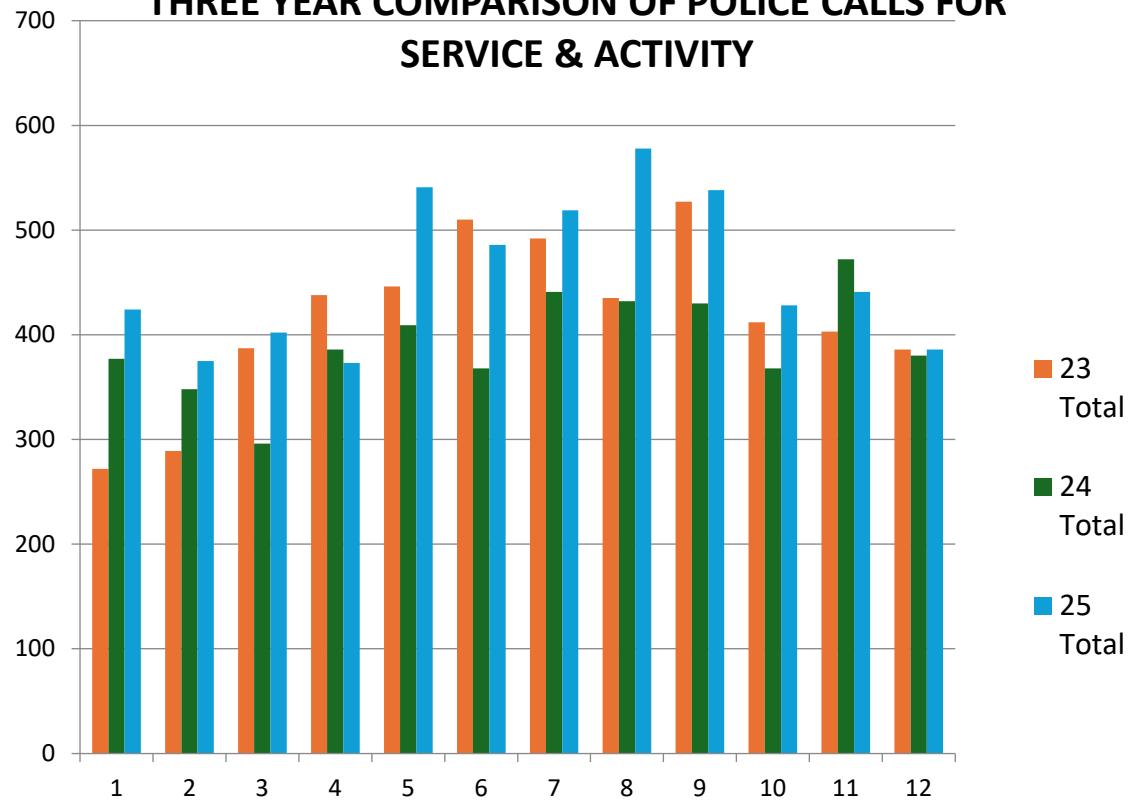
**December 2025 Part I & II****City of Maple Plain #'s 1 & 2**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25005130	MAARC Report – Financial Exploitation	12-02-2025	01	C02J1	2
WHPS	25005181	Theft	12-06-2025	01	U328D	1
WHPS	25005411	Domestic Assault	12-25-2025	01	AL302	2
WHPS	25005451	Domestic Assault/Damage to Property	12-28-2025	01	AK341	1
WHPS	25005276	DWI – 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree	12-13-2025	02	JG501	2
WHPS	25005318	Burglary/Damage to Property	12-17-2025	02	P1110	2
WHPS	25005445	Shooting	12-27-2025	02	W112A	2

**November 2025 Part I & II****City of Independence Grid #'s 3-5**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	MOC range	UCR Part
WHPS	25005186	Theft/Rpt	12-07-2025	03	VA025	1
WHPS	25005220	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree DWI	12-15-2025	03	JG501	2
WHPS	25005309	Check Fraud/Theft	12-17-2025	03	TA999	1
WHPS	25005439	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI	12-26-2025	03	JFW01	2
WHPS	25005440	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree DWI	12-27-2025	03	JGW01	2

### THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE & ACTIVITY



# **DIRECTOR'S NEWS & NOTES**

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY  
December 2025 Activity Report

## **Year to Date Activity Report**

At the end of December 2025, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total of 5,491 incident complaints. For the month of December; 232 incidents occurred in the City of Independence and 119 in the City of Maple Plain.

The Criminal Part I and Part II cases for both cities have been highlighted for your review on the attached documents.

### **Suspicious Activity**

December 1

5100 block of Industrial Street, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle running in a parking lot after hours. The vehicle was unoccupied and while checking the building doors, officer located the registered owner of the vehicle who was the business manager. He advised he was making popcorn before leaving for the night. Officer spoke to the keyholder on file who confirmed the individual was a manager.

### **Motorist Assist**

December 2

Highway 12/Main Street E, Maple Plain. Officer was notified there was an unoccupied vehicle parked with its flashers on at the intersection. Officer approached the vehicle and attempted to contact the registered owner. Officer was advised by a neighboring agency that they were with the driver at the gas station. The driver returned to the scene and officers assisted her with filling her vehicle with gas.

### **Public Assist**

December 2

5300 block of Pete Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a public assist where the reporting party advised her husband rolled their four-wheeler and they needed assistance rolling it back over. Officer arrived on scene rolled the four-wheeler over. It was found the reporting party's husband had a possible concussion as he hit his head but was back inside laying in a dark room. They denied medical attention and were advised to call back if anything changes with his condition.

## Suspicious Activity

December 3

3600 block of Independence Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a possible burglary. Officers met with the homeowner who advised she believed she had seen footprints in the snow along with possible open doors on the property. She requested officers check the property. Officers cleared the house and found nothing suspicious.

## Loud Music

December 5

1600 block of Marsh Ave, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a loud music complaint. Officer arrived on scene and could hear music coming from the residence while standing outside. Officer spoke to the occupant of the home and advised her of the complaint. She was unhappy that someone called and was uncooperative when asked for her information. Officer was able to identify her, and she advised she would turn the music down.

## Theft

December 6

4900 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a theft that just occurred at a liquor store. The owner provided a thorough description of the suspect and his vehicle. A neighboring agency located the suspect, searched the vehicle, and located the stolen wine bottles. He was issued a citation for theft.

## Theft

December 7

7900 block of Egret Drive, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a stolen four-wheeler and motorcycle. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the victim. It was found lawn care employees left a note inquiring if the vehicles were for sale. The victim advised she didn't call them back. There were noticeable footprints in the snow that appeared the suspect(s) were looking into the windows and doors. Case was forwarded to investigations.

## Damage to Property

December 8

1500 block of County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to take a property damage report regarding a damaged mailbox. It was found a vehicle slid into the mailbox and left the scene. Officer responded and photographed the damage.

## Suspicious Activity

December 9

5800 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol overnight and observed a vehicle with four males get out and begin loading bags in the back of the truck. It was found a local landscaping company keeps supplies at the business and they were loading salt in preparation for snow removal.

## Arrest

December 10

6000 block of Highway 12, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a domestic that had occurred while driving on the highway. Officers arrived and separated the parties who were found to be mother and adult son. Both parties gave consistent stories of a verbal argument that escalated into the mother striking the son in the face and the son subsequently grabbing the steering wheel to swerve the car into the ditch. Officers arrested both parties for Domestic Assault and transported them to Hennepin County Jail.

## Traffic Complaint

December 10

County Road 6/County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a traffic complaint where the vehicle was crossing over the lane markers. Officer located the vehicle and spoke to the driver who appeared sluggish and tired. The driver stated he had been up for 24 hours doing snow removal. The officer conducted Field Sobriety Tests and determined the driver was not impaired. The driver was advised to drive safely and released from the scene.

## Found Property

December 12

600 block of County Road 110, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a found Apple Watch. Officer arrived and was able to located owner information inside the watch. Officer spoke to the owner who was happy to hear his watch had been found. The watch was dropped off at his residence.

## Welfare Check

December 12

7300 block of County Road 11, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a welfare check where the reporting party hadn't heard from her friend in several days. The reporting party also advised her friend had been ill recently. Officer arrived and spoke to the subject who was sitting inside. She stated she hadn't checked her phone recently and everything was fine.

## Arrest

December 13

Highway 12/Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and found a vehicle driving over the posted speed limit. Officer stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. There was also a partial case of beer open in the back seat. Field Sobriety Tests were performed, and the driver was ultimately arrested for DWI. He provided an evidentiary breath test of 0.11. He was booked and released with a citation for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI.

## Suspicious Activity

December 15

Parkview Road/Main Street West, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle making several stops in the area. Officer observed the driver's side door open, and the driver ran towards the house. Officer made contact with the driver who advised they were making early morning deliveries.

## Arrest

December 15

County Road 6/County Road 92, Independence. Officer stopped a vehicle for driving over the posted speed limit and spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. Officer conducted Field Sobriety Tests and placed him under arrest for DWI. He provided an evidentiary test of .10 and was released with a citation for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI.

## Motorist Assist

December 16

County Road 11/County Road 92, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch. Upon arrival, Officer spoke to the driver who advised she turned around to take a photo of the sunrise when she slid into the ditch. Officers assisted with pushing the vehicle out of the ditch.

## Burglary

December 17

1400 block of Meadow Lane, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a report of damage to property, later believed to be a burglary. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the reporting party and the occupants of the home who advised they observed a suspect outside yelling at them through the window. The suspect then began pushing, kicking, and throwing objects at a window. Ultimately, the suspect threw a large rock causing the window to break. The suspect ran towards a vehicle on the street and fled at a high rate of speed. Case forwarded to investigations for further.

Traffic

December 18

County Road 6/County Road 110, Independence. Officer conducted a traffic stop due to expired registration and the vehicle showed the registered owner was revoked. Officer provided an insurance card and confirmed the policy hasn't been active in over a year. Officer conducted an inventory of the vehicle prior to a tow and found open bottles of vodka. The driver admitted to drinking earlier, provided a preliminary breath sample, and was found not to be intoxicated. The driver was released pending charged for gross misdemeanor no insurance and driving after revocation.

Suspicious Activity

December 19

2000 block of County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a possible burglary. The reporting party advised they heard a huge noise downstairs, followed by several smaller noises after. Officer arrived on scene and cleared the inside of the home. The origin of the noises heard were unknown.

Crash

December 20

Independence Road/Pagenkopf Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch with property damage. Officer arrived on scene and observed a cattle fence was damaged. The property owner was contacted and advised it happens all the time, declined receiving the driver's information, and would fix the fence. The vehicle was pulled out of the ditch, and the driver was able to leave the scene in his vehicle. It was found the driver was delivering packages and slipped off the road.

Crash

December 21

7000 block of County Road 11, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a single vehicle crash. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the driver who advised he lost control of his vehicle causing him to crash into a tree. The driver did not have insurance and the registration expired in July of 2024. He was cited for the offenses and provided a ride home.

Crash

December 22

Highway 12/County Road 90, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a three-vehicle crash with injuries. Officer arrived on scene and found the vehicles all with significant damage. One driver was bleeding from the head, and another had to be extricated from the vehicle. Two drivers were transported to the hospital. One driver did not have insurance and a citation was mailed. No signs of impairment were observed on any of the drivers. The intersection was closed while duty crews and tow trucks cleared the scene.

Animal Complaint

December 23

5900 block of Henry Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to sick racoon. Officers responded and the racoon hid under the shed before they could catch it. Officers spoke to the neighbor who advised he might be able to trap the racoon.

Arrest

December 25

1800 block of Newport Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a domestic assault between roommates. It began as a verbal argument and escalated to physical where the victim was punched multiple times in the head by the suspect. Officers took statements from both parties involved and arrested the suspect. The suspect was booked and transported to Hennepin County Jail.

Arrest

December 26

Highway 12/County Road 90, Independence. Officer stopped a vehicle for a lane violation and a burnt-out brake light. Officer spoke to the driver who admitted to drinking alcohol. Field Sobriety Tests were performed, and the driver was arrested for DWI. The driver was booked, provided an evidentiary breath sample of 0.16, and transported to Hennepin County Jail.

Arrest

December 27

6000 block of Highway 12, Independence. Officer initiated a traffic stop for a lane violation. Officer spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment and admitted to consuming alcohol. SFST's were administered and the officer placed him under arrest. He was transported for booking and provided an evidentiary breath sample of 0.12. He was released to a sober party with a citation.

Shots Heard  
December 27

1400 block of Meadow Lane, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a call of shots heard in the area. With assistance from several agencies, the scene was secured and no injuries were reported. The case was forwarded to investigations for further.

Arrest  
December 27

1600 block of Baker Park Road, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a report of a domestic assault. The reporting party advised his fiancée physically assaulted him, threatened assault with a hammer, and ran water over his laptop in the bathtub causing damage. The female party was taken into custody and transported to Hennepin County Jail pending charges.

Suspicious Activity  
December 28

5900 block of Three Oaks Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a suspicious activity report. Officer spoke to the reporting party who advised a nearby building had a door ajar with fresh shoe prints in the snow. Officers arrived and found the tracks in the snow. Officers were able to push the door open and checked inside where no one was found. Officers were unable to contact the property owner.

Motorist Assist  
December 29

Highway 12/Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officers were dispatched to a jackknife semi and the intersection. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the driver who advised he began to slide and then jack-knifed into the median. The semi was able to be driven away from the scene.

Crash  
December 29

Highway 12/Boundary Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch. Officer located the vehicle and spoke to the driver who advised he was zoned out and believe he hit a piece of ice on the road causing him to go into the ditch. Officer informed the driver of the dangers of driving while tired and advised the tread on her tires were extremely bald.

Animal Complaint  
December 30

Pagenkopf Road/McDow Lane, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of a raccoon in the roadway. The reporting party was directing traffic, so the raccoon didn't get hit and was trying to move it off the roadway. Officer arrived and suspected the raccoon to have distemper. Officer used his catchpole to remove the raccoon from the roadway and properly dispatched it.

Motorist Assist  
December 31

5600 block of Pioneer Creek Drive, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a report of an abandoned vehicle that was stuck in a snowbank, still running, and in gear with the tires actively spinning. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the driver who had just returned to the vehicle. He advised he slid into the snowbank and exited the vehicle and locked the keys inside. Officer was able to unlock the vehicle to shut the vehicle off and assisted with shoveling the vehicle out of the snowbank.

# City of Independence

## Consideration of Planning Commission Reappointments

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*To:* City Council

*From:* Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator

*Meeting Date:* January 20, 2026

***Discussion:***

The City annually reviews the terms of all Commission seats. Three (3) planning commission seats expired on December 31, 2025, for the following:

**Anita Volkenant**  
**Leith Dumas**  
**Timothy Usset (alternate)**

All members would like to continue serving on the Planning Commission for a new three-year term. The Council has the ability to reappoint all members to the Planning Commission. Council can also consider the makeup of the Planning Commission and make any changes to individual designations such as moving an alternate to a full member or vice versa.

***Requested Action:***

It is recommended that the City Council consider reappointing Commissioners to new three-year terms and also designating full or alternate member status for those appointed by adopting **RESOLUTION No. 26-0120-01**. The resolution can be amended to designate the designation for each member following Council approval.

**ATTACHMENTS: RESOLUTION No. 26-0120-01**  
**Membership Status and Term Document**



RESOLUTION OF THE  
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE  
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-0106-01**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Independence (the City) engages advisory bodies to the City Council in addressing planning needs within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the commissioner members serve three (3) year terms at the request of the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the following commissioner members are seeking reappointment to a new three-year term.

**Anita Volkenant**  
**Leith Dumas**  
**Timothy Usset**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Independence approves the noted appointments to a new term effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Independence on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ ayes and \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

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Brad Spencer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator



## **Elected and Appointed Officials Terms**

### City Council: (4-year term)

<b>Mayor Brad Spencer:</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2028	(Began 2009)
<b>Lynn Betts:</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2026	(Began 2001)
<b>Ray McCoy:</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2028	(Began 2016)
<b>Steve Grotting:</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2028	(Began 2016)
<b>Brad Fisher:</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2026	(Began 2025)

### Planning Commission: (3-year term)

<b>Robert Gardner:</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2027	(Began 1992)
<b>Hal Tearse:</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2027	(Began 2022 – took over for Tom P.)
<b>Steve Thompson:</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2027	(Began June 2013)
<b>Leith Dumas</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2025	(Began 2017)
<b>Anita Volkenant:</b>	term - Jan. 1, 2021- Dec. 31, 2025	(Began 2019)
<b>Jon-Paul Story</b> , Alternate	term - Aug 8, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2027	(Began 8/10/2021)
<b>Timothy Usset</b> , Alternate	term - May 17, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2025	(Began 5/17/2022)

## City of Independence

### **Consideration of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Agreement with Hennepin County**

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*To:* City Council

*From:* Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator

*Meeting Date:* January 20, 2026

#### ***Discussion:***

Hennepin County Ordinance 13 requires that each city implement and maintain a recycling and organics recycling program. The city receives funding from Hennepin County for providing recycling to its residents. The Hennepin County Board at its November 6, 2025, meeting adopted a funding policy to continue to fund cities within Hennepin County for the contract period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028. In order to continue receiving grant funds from Hennepin County for offering recycling opportunities to our residents, the City must sign the agreement

#### ***Requested Action:***

It is recommended that the City Council consider approval of **RESOLUTION No. 26-0120-02** and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator or his designee to execute such Residential Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Agreement with the County.

**ATTACHMENTS: RESOLUTION No. 26-0120-02  
Recycling Agreement**



RESOLUTION OF THE  
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE  
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-0120-02**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026-2028 RESIDENTIAL WASTE  
REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT AGREEMENT  
WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 115A.552, Counties shall ensure that residents have an opportunity to recycle; and

**WHEREAS**, Hennepin County Ordinance 13 requires that each city implement and maintain a recycling and organics recycling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hennepin County Board at its November 6, 2025, meeting adopted a funding policy to continue to fund cities within Hennepin County for the contract period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to receive grant funds, the City must sign the agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to receive these grant funds each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Independence, Minnesota, that the City Council accepts the agreement as proposed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council authorizes the Mayor and City Administrator or his designee to execute such Residential Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Agreement with the County.

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Independence on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, by a vote of \_\_\_\_ ayes and \_\_\_\_ nays.

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Brad Spencer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator