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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2021
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 February 2, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 Checks Numbered 20271-20275, Batch #2 Check Numbered 20276-20292).
 - c. Approval of annual liquor license renewals for the following establishments:
 - i. Ox Yoke Inn - Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday License
 - ii. Windsong Farm Golf Club LLC - Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday License
 - iii. Pioneer Creek Golf LLC - On Sale and Sunday License
5. Set Agenda – Anyone Not on the Agenda can be Placed Under Open/Misc.
6. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.
7. West Hennepin Public Safety Director Gary Kroells: Presentation of the January 2021 Activity Report.
8. Consideration of the **Ordinance 2021-01: An ordinance updating Section 305.01 Planning commission established and continued. Adding two (2) alternate planning commission positions.**

9. Open/Misc.

10. Adjourn.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 –6:30 P.M.
(Virtual Meeting/ All Attendees)

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 6:30 p.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL (Note: all noted present were “virtually” present

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Assistant to Administrator Horner, City Attorney Vose

VISITORS: Kevin Anderson

3. ****Consent Agenda****

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- a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the January 19, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 Checks Numbered 20236-20240, Batch #2 Check Numbered 20241, Batch #3 Checks Numbered 20242-20270).
- c. Approval of Pay Request #2 From Rochon for the City Hall Renovation Project.

Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, McCoy, Grotting and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

4. SET AGENDA – ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA CAN BE PLACED UNDER OPEN/MISC.

5. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- None

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- None

McCoy attended the following meetings: (Virtual)

- Fire Commission Meeting

Betts attended the following meetings: (Virtual)

- Police Commission Meeting
- Fire Commission Meeting
- League of Minnesota Cities Training Session

Johnson attended the following meetings: (Virtual)

- Fire Commission Meeting
- Orono School Board Meeting
- Police Commission Meeting
- Sensible Land Use Committee Meeting
- Senior Community Services Meeting (Monticello Group)
- Local Board of Appeals Training Meeting
- Leroy Haglund Funeral and Visitation
- League of Minnesota Cities Training Session
- Met with person looking at building in the area

Horner attended the following meetings:

- BKV Architect Meeting

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Bi-weekly meeting on County Road 92 and Highway 12 projects

6. Introduction and Conversation with Hennepin County Commissioner Kevin Anderson.

Anderson said he looks forward to diving in and has been made Chair of the Public Works Committees. He said he is looking forward to that role and also expanding the broadband opportunities. Johnson asked about Anderson's background. Anderson said he was in IT for 20 years most recently as a System Architect. McCoy noted there are big issues in Independence with broadband. Anderson said he would like to work on solutions such as putting fiber in as road work is being done so they may be tapped into easily by utilities. He hopes to improve access to a lot of communities by building up the infrastructure. Grotting asked if he had contacted the state about running fiber along some of the current projects. Anderson said he is talking to people and trying to get this vision cultivated. Grotting said it would be great if broadband could be made a priority.

7. General Administration

a. Planning Commission Alternates

Kaltsas said Council discussed the possibility of expanding the planning commission by adding Planning Commission Alternates as a way to provide experience for citizens interested in serving the City and also as a way to ensure a quorum for all meetings. Staff reviewed possible ways to achieve alternates on the planning commission and has drafted potential language that could be added to the ordinance to accommodate an alternate Commission organization. The City did post the opening for the alternate Planning Commission positions and received two applications. Staff would like to further discuss this concept with Council and is seeking direction relating to the potential change in structure. Based on Council direction, staff would anticipate bringing back a formal action item at the next Council Meeting. This item would consider amendment to the ordinance as well as appointment of the alternate commissioners.

305.01. - Planning commission established and continued.

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3. Alternate members of the planning commission shall be subject to the same qualifications and removal requirements as regular members. Alternate members shall attend planning commission meetings but shall not participate or vote as a member except as provided herein.

Johnson said he liked the options presented. Betts said she thought it would give them a chance to see if they liked it. Vose said a Council member liaison is fine but should not be voting members of the Planning Commission. He said it is not illegal, but a Planning Commission should be truly advisory. Johnson agreed they should be non-voting and Kaltsas noted he clarified that in the draft language. Betts said she has no problem for those that are renewing. She said the ones that are new should be interviewed. Grotting agreed with Betts comments on the reappointments. Spencer said Council should move to appoint the members that are renewing and then interview and appoint the new ones after the language for alternates is approved. McCoy agreed with the comments on reappointment and interviewing the new candidates.

Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to approve the two reappointments to the Planning Commission for another three-year term and approve an Ordinance Amendment for alternate candidates to be interviewed before further appointments which may be done at any point in the year. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, McCoy, Grotting and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

b. Medina Fire District Meeting

The City has previously discussed the ongoing meetings being organized by the City of Medina relating to the possibility of creating a regional joint powers or fire services district with the communities of Independence, Medina, Maple Plain, Loretto, Long Lake and Orono. Staff has attended several of the joint meetings where this topic has been further discussed. Medina most recently sent out an invitation to attend another joint meeting on February 11, 2021 (see attached letter). In addition to City Administrators and Fire Chiefs, it was discussed that each community would have the opportunity to also have one elected official in attendance. Staff would like to discuss this meeting in more detail with the Council and determine if Independence would like staff and a Council Member to attend the meeting.

Johnson said we are in a different position than Medina as we own part of the equipment with Maple Plain. McCoy said that we own 50% of the Maple Plain Fire Equipment so the two cities need to decide together what direction to move or go our separate ways. McCoy said some more questions need to be answered before this moves forward. Betts asked who was pushing this. McCoy said Medina ordered the study to be done

which came up with several different scenarios. Service levels were determined to be excellent and there were no issues around that. McCoy noted Medina has about 235 calls per year. Full-time personnel would be very expensive for them. It was determined Johnson, McCoy and Cory Schultz would attend the meeting.

8. OPEN/MISC.

9. ADJOURN.

Motion by Betts, second by Spencer to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, McCoy, Betts, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary

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City of Independence
Annual Liquor License Renewals

To: City Council
From: Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Meeting Date: February 16, 2021

Discussion:

The City annually reviews and considers renewal of both on and off sale liquor licenses. The City has three (3) businesses which annually renew their respective liquor licenses. The following applications have been made to the Council, and have passed a criminal history and background check performed by West Hennepin Public Safety:

- Ox Yoke Inn
261 County Road 92 N.
Independence, MN 55359
Renewal for: Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday License

- Pioneer Creek Golf LLC
705 Copeland Rd.
Independence, MN 55359
Renewal for: On Sale and Sunday License

- Windsong Farm Golf Club LLC
18 Golf Walk
Independence, MN 55359
Renewal for: Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday License

Council Recommendation:

City Council is asked to consider approval the requested annual liquor license renewals.



Date: February 2, 2021
To: Public Safety Commissioners
City of Independence Council Members
City of Maple Plain Council Members
From: Director Gary Kroells *G. Kroells*
SUBJECT: January 2021 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 accidents, 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.

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Monthly Activity Report January 2021

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year	This Year To Date	Last Year To Date
City Of Independence				
Criminal	7	10	7	10
Traffic	124	92	124	92
Part III	7	7	7	7
Part IV	31	36	31	36
Part V	96	99	96	99
Total City of Independence	265	244	265	244
City Of Maple Plain				
Criminal	4	4	4	4
Traffic	30	75	30	75
Part III	2	7	2	7
Part IV	18	18	18	18
Part V	55	56	55	56
Total City Of Maple Plain	109	160	109	160
Grand Total Both Cities	374	404	374	404
TZD	2	0	2	0
Agency Assists	14	10	14	10
Total ICR Reports	388	414	388	414
How Received				
Fax	15	9	15	9
In Person	10	22	10	22
Mail	1	0	1	0
Other	2	2	2	2
Phone	31	23	31	23
Radio	131	153	131	153
Visual	169	182	169	182
Email	29	7	29	7
Lobby Walk In	0	16	0	16
Total	388	414	388	414

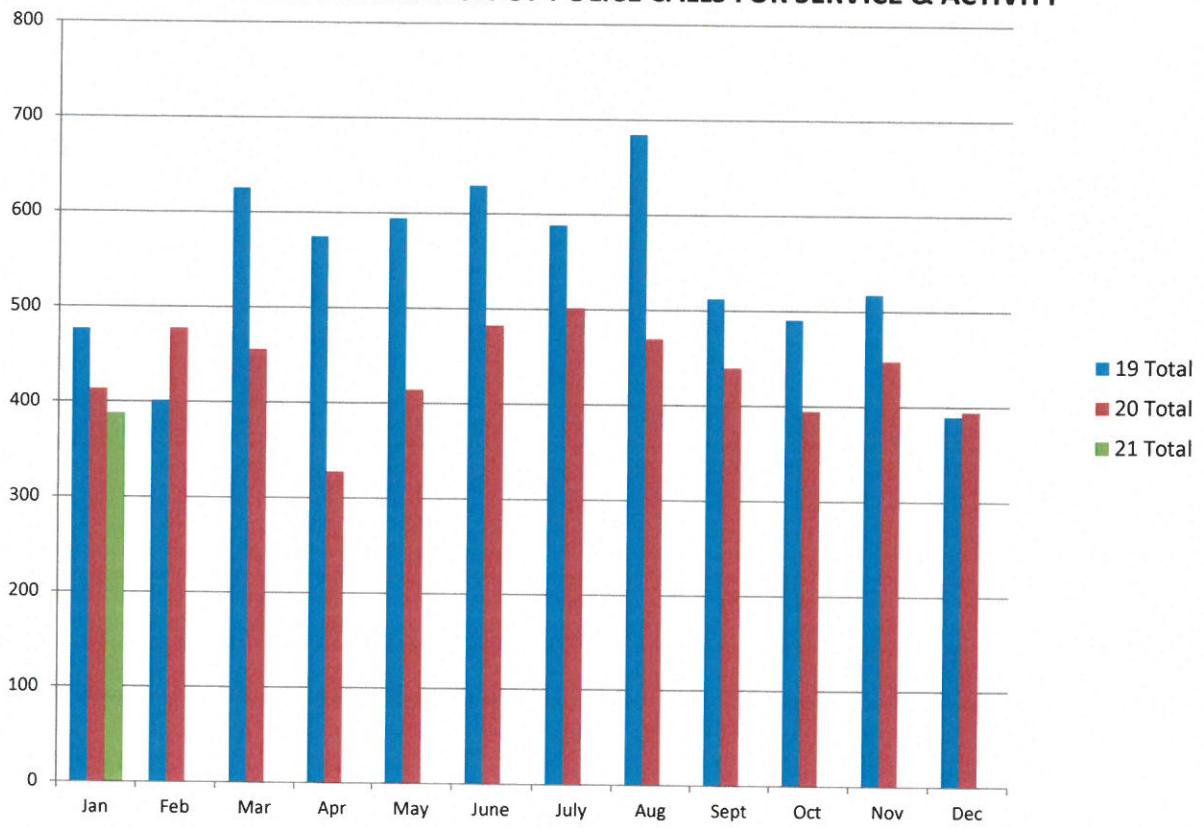
January 2021 Criminal Part I & II
 City of Independence Grid #'s 3-5

<u>AGN</u>	<u>ICR</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Grid #</u>	<u>Reported Date</u>	<u>MOC range</u>
WHPS	21000043	Theft -Stolen Gift Card	4	1/5/2021	TW999
WHPS	21000101	Weapons/Carrying/Possess w/out permit	5	1/9/2021	W2527
WHPS	21000112	3rd Degree GM DWI	5	1/10/2021	JFW01
WHPS	21000143	Disorderly Conduct/2nd Degree DWI	4	1/11/2021	JEWA1
WHPS	21000235	3rd Degree GM DWI/ Open Bottle	3r	1/19/2021	JFW01
WHPS	21000236	DANCO & OFP Violation /Harassment	4	1/19/2021	N239D
WHPS	21000310	Financial Transaction Credit Card Fraud	3	1/25/2021	U0550

January 2021 Criminal Part I & II
 City of Maple Plain Grid # 1-2

<u>AGN</u>	<u>ICR</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Grid #</u>	<u>Reported Date</u>	<u>MOC range</u>
WHPS	21000037	Domestic Assault / Interfere with 911	1	1/4/2021	AK451
WHPS	21000065	Theft by Check/ Forgery	2	1/6/2021	U202K
WHPS	21000246	Theft of Security Camera's	1	1/21/2021	TV999
WHPS	21000348	Theft of V-Trailer/Enclosed	1	1/29/2021	TH229

THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE & ACTIVITY



DIRECTOR'S NEWS & NOTES

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

January 2021 Activity Report

Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of January 31, 2021 West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total 388 incident complaints: 265 in the city of Independence and 109 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.

Recent Highlighted Cases:

Crash

Jan 1 Hwy 12/ CR 90, Independence. While driving, motorist was trying to clean his front windshield with a wiper that was missing the rubber blade. His vehicle veered to the center striking the crash cushion on the guard rail and landed on top of the guardrail. No impairment was found. Vehicle was towed off the guardrail.

Medical

Jan 1 3675 Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Vinland National Center. Loretto Fire Dept. was treating a patient that had a medical bleed. North Memorial EMS transported him to the hospital.

911 Hang-up

Jan 2 2100 block Heritage Trail, Independence. Officer responded to a 911 hang-up near Heritage Trail. Nothing was said on the open line. Officer contact with the homeowner who stated his young son accidentally dialed, there were no issues and apologized.

Crash

Jan 3 CR 110 / Robert Rd, Independence. Driver of vehicle #2 passed vehicle #1 then quickly slowed down and vehicle #2 was rear-ended by vehicle #1. Citation was issued to driver #2 for Passing in No Passing zone

Death Investigation

Jan 4 5300 block Clayton Dr, Independence. Officer responded to call of a female lying outside in the snow, and not breathing. 55-year-old female was deceased and MPFD and North Memorial EMS were canceled. Family member was contacted and advised of officer findings. Preliminary death investigation, nothing criminal was found.

Domestic

Jan 4 5000 block Main Street E, Maple Plain. Officer responded to 911 physical domestic call. Upon arrival a female was heard screaming. Statements were taken and Elijah Alan Foss, 41 of Maple Plain was arrested, transported, and booked into Henn Co Jail for Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault and Gross Misdemeanor Interfere with 911 Emergency Call.

Theft

Jan 5 4000 block Lake Sarah Dr, Independence. Resident ordered a Menards gift card for \$325.00 that was to be received before Christmas. Resident contacted Menards on the gift card status and found it was already redeemed at Menards in Buffalo on 12/26/2020. Case under investigation.

Trespassing

Jan 6 3675 Ihduhapi Trl, Independence. Vinland Center reported their security cameras recorded vehicles driven by their no-trespassing signs to enter their private property to park and access their lake point property. Officer contacted three vehicle owners by phone and verbally warned them for trespassing. Owners apologized stating they would not go on the property again.

Check Forgery

Jan 6 5100 block Oak Street, Maple Plain. Manager reported a forged / fake check was passed at their business and the persons had left. Manager had contacted the bank who advised the routing number was not real on the check. Approx. loss over \$400.00. Case under investigation.

Suspicious Activity

Jan 7 5800 block Main Street W, Maple Plain. A threatening note was left on residents' front door. Case under investigation.

Medical

Jan 9 Lake Independence, Independence. Officers along with Water Patrol, Maple Plain and Loretto Fire and North Memorial EMS responded to a victim that was on the lake, in a seizure and unconscious. MPFD located the victim and transported he and his wife by snowmobile for North Memorial EMS to transport.

Parking Complaint

Jan 9 3200 block Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Vehicle was parked on YMCA private property. To access the lake to fish, the motorist had used the YMCA private road, that was chained with a 'keep out' sign. A warning notice was put on the truck advising private property and cannot park there. Registered owner was from Maple Grove.

Vehicle in Ditch

Jan 9 5600 block CR 11, Independence. Motorist did a U-turn, and the vehicles front tire dropped down into the ditch. Officer and resident shoveled the front end of the car and pushed the car out.

DWI

Jan 10 12:58 a.m. Hwy 12/ Copeland Rd, Independence. Vehicle stopped for 64/55 mph and for swerving towards the center line and slowing down. Kyle Curtis Olsen, 38 from Waverly submitted a breath test which resulted in .25 breath alcohol concentration. Olsen was arrested, transported, and booked into HC Jail for 3rd Degree DWI.

Crash

Jan 11 8:56 a.m. Hwy 12/ Main Street E, Maple Plain. Veh#2 slammed on his brakes, rear-ended Veh#1 who had slammed on her brakes when a vehicle in front of her failed to signal a turn into a business. Both vehicles had damages. No injuries to either driver.

Harassment

Jan 11 2600 block CR 90, Independence. Victim reported ex-boyfriend has been calling, texting, e-mailing and posting private photos of her on Facebook and Instagram. He was told not to contact her. Victim was in the process of filling out a Harassment Restraining Order.

Fight - DWI

Jan 11 9:55 p.m. CR 11 / Lake Sarah Rd, Independence. Passenger in a vehicle driven by his friend, sucker punched the driver causing great pain, and a bloody nose. Driver and passenger exited the vehicle, both were bloodied and fighting in the ditch. Jerrod Malachy Feist, 29 from Rogers submitted a breath test resulting in .23 breath alcohol concentration. Feist was arrested, transported, and booked into HC Jail for 2nd Degree DWI.

Damage to Property

Jan 13 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain. Caller was concerned ATV's ridden on the trails and grass behind the Discovery Center were being damaged. Officer identified where the ATV's were coming from. Homeowner admitted her kids were riding their ATV's and would correct the issue.

Medical

Jan 14 5700 block Main Street, Maple Plain. MP Fire, North Memorial EMS assisted officer with an out-of-control juvenile. Officer intervened and calmed the situation for the parents and juvenile.

Welfare Check

Jan 15 4:59 a.m. CR 6 / CR 92, Independence. Caller reported a male was standing on the side of the road. Male from Wisconsin took an Uber to Watertown, could not get one back into Minneapolis and decided to walk. Officer transported the male to Maple Plain so he could attempt to contact a ride.

Scam

Jan 15 Independence. Caller from Sorrento FL reported she had put \$500.00 as a down payment for a horse she was told was in Independence. After she provided payment to reserve the horse, communication with the seller stopped. Caller was advised to make a report with FTC.

Motorist Assistance

Jan 16 4:50 p.m. 4000 block CR 92, Independence. Two juveniles were snowmobiling, and one snowmobile was jammed into a wire fence. There was no damage. Officer assisted in pulling the machine out backwards.

Crash

Jan 16 3700 block Independence Rd, Independence. Motorist n/b on Independence Rd drove off the road in attempt to avoid a collision with a car that backed out of a driveway in front of her. Vehicles did not have contact.

Intoxication

Jan 18 3675 Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Vinland driver picked up a 45 yoa male at his residence in Rochester. When checking him in at Vinland, he was found intoxicated. Male PBT resulted in .289% BAC. Male stated his state of intoxication is normal for him. Vinland transported him to Mission Detox.

DWI

Jan 19 CR 11/CR 90, Independence. Ryan Patrick Conners, 56, Delano was stopped for traffic violations at 5:28 p.m. and submitted breath test which resulted in .31 breath alcohol concentration. Conners was arrested, transported, and booked into Henn Co Jail for 3rd Degree DWI.

DANCO Violation

Jan 19 4200 block Woodhill Dr, Independence. Reported a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order violation. Case under investigation for DANCO charges.

Suspicious Activity

Jan 20 5800 block Pagenkopf Rd, Independence. Resident received a letter from the Hennepin County Unemployment office indicating he applied for benefits. He had not applied for benefits and advised the unemployment office he did not apply. He was instructed to report it to the police, obtain a case number and they would resolve the issue. Officer advised resident to monitor his credit.

School Bus Stop Arm Violation

Jan 20 9400 block Hwy 12, Independence. Stahlke bus driver reported an e/b vehicle on Hwy 12, drove through the school bus extended red flashing stop sign arm. Charges pending contact with the registered owner of the vehicle.

Theft

Jan 21 1500 block Howard Ave., Maple Plain. Theft of security cameras. Approximate loss \$1,700.00. Case under investigation.

Crash

Jan 22 Hwy 12/ Valley Rd, Independence. Veh#2 admitted to not paying attention and rear-ended Veh#1 that was stopped for a vehicle making a turn into a private residence. No injuries to either driver. Veh#2 cited for failure to drive with due care.

Suspicious Act

Jan 23 5800 block Three Oaks Ave., Maple Plain. Resident reported a tarp was draped over some trees/logs in her backyard that was not there previously. Discovered someone made a fort and found several small footprints leading to a neighbor's property. The fort was partially on resident's property and the neighbors. All was good.

Suspicious Act

Jan 24 10:22 p.m. 3800 block Lake Haughey Rd, Independence. A vehicle backed up to a garage next to the house. Vehicle drove off when the outside lights were turned on. Video surveillance is being viewed for identifying the vehicle.

Crash

Jan 25 12:04 a.m. Hwy 12/ CR 90, Independence. Driver admitted to holding his phone in his hand and talking. He hit the center dividers and ended up in the ditch. Driver was cited for Lane Violation and verbally warned for careless driving and using cellular phone.

Mail Theft

Jan 25 3400 block CR 90, Independence. Reported someone stole some of callers' mail and then tried to use her Wells Fargo credit card at Target. Transaction was cancelled and waiting for video from Target with suspects' photo. Case under investigation.

Forgery

Jan 25 6700 block Fogelman Rd, Independence. State of Mn reported to caller's employer she had applied for unemployment benefits. Caller had not, someone was using her SS number and she needed to file a police report.

Breathing Problem

Jan 25 11:23 p.m. 1800 block Budd Ave., Maple Plain. Reported a baby with breathing problems and a high fever. Officer arrival found the baby breathing, stable, and his temperature had come down. North Memorial EMS took over care of the baby.

Medical

Jan 26 9:10 p.m. 5300 block Main Street Maple Plain. Patient was weak, tipped over striking his head and he was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Suspicious Act

Jan 27 10:47 p.m. 6800 block Rachel Ridge Ct, Independence. Resident reported earlier a drone was hovering around his house and then crashed into the house. The drone was then seen continuing to fly out of the area, unknown direction.

Lift Assist

Jan 28 4800 block Gateway Blvd, Maple Plain. Officer assisted staff getting a female up after she had fallen. No injuries to the female.

Missing Property

Jan 28 1500 block Howard Ave Maple Plain. Resident reported dog tags and his Steger Mukluk shoes were stolen. Case under investigation.

Theft

Jan 29 5600 block Pioneer Creek Dr, Maple Plain. An enclosed black 12' Diamond plate front V-nose trailer with a drop-down rear door and service door was stolen from a parking lot. Stolen trailer entered into NCIC. Case under investigation.

Illness

Jan 29 3674 Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Vinland National Center Male client was having alcohol withdrawals, shaking and nauseous was transported by North Memorial EMS to the hospital.

Fraudulent

Jan 29 4000 block Windmill Drive, Independence. State of Mn Unemployment Insurance reported to caller's employer he had applied for unemployment benefits. Caller had not made claim to unemployment and no benefits had been distributed. State of Mn was assisting in the fraudulent claim.

Medical

Jan 31 1500 block Rainbow Ave., Maple Plain. A snowball struck a juvenile's face causing an uncontrolled nosebleed. Officer arrival found the bleeding had stopped and his father had arrived. After initial assessment, father denied EMS and would take his son into a clinic if bleeding continued.

156 contacts of citations, verbal and written warnings were issued for traffic and equipment violations.

City of Independence

Consideration of Ordinance Amendment to Add Two Alternate Planning Commissioners

To: City Council
From: Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Meeting Date: February 16, 2021

Discussion:

Council discussed the possibility of expanding the planning commission by adding Planning Commission Alternates as a way to provide experience for citizens interested in serving the City and also as a way to ensure a quorum for all meetings. Staff reviewed possible ways to achieve alternates on the planning commission with Council and has prepared an amendment to the ordinance based on the discussion. The proposed ordinance will allow the City Council the ability to appoint up to two alternate planning commissioners. The alternates would have the ability to vote if there were any absent members of the commission. Alternate members would also be in attendance at all regular meetings of the commission.

Council Recommendation:

City Council is asked to consider adoption of **Ordinance 2021-01**.

Attachments: **Ordinance 2021-01**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

STATE OF MINNESOTA

AMENDING SECTION 300 OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE
RELATING TO PLANNING COMMISSION ESTABLISHMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The Independence City Code, Chapter III, Section 305.01 is revised to include the following (additions shown in **bold/underline**, deletions as ~~strikethrough~~):

305.01. - Planning commission established and continued.

1. The planning commission consisting of five members, each of whom shall be a resident of the city is hereby established and continued. **The city council may appoint two alternate members of the planning commission as provided below and may appoint one councilmember to serve as a liaison to the planning commission. The liaison shall be nonvoting members of the planning commission.** Planning commissioners shall be appointed by majority vote of the city council and serve for a term of three years and until a successor has been appointed and qualified. A planning commissioner may be removed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the city council.
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3. **Alternate members of the planning commission shall be subject to the same qualifications and removal requirements as regular members. Alternate members shall attend planning commission meetings but shall not participate or vote as a member except as provided herein.**

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect after enactment and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 16th day of February 2021, by the Independence City Council.

Marvin Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator