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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 15, 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 June 1, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.
  - b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 Checks Numbered 20518-20533, Batch #2 Checks Numbered 20534-20550).
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 May 2021 Activity Report.
8. Discussion Regarding Main Street Traffic Issues and Potential Temporary Closure at CSAH 90.
9. Open/Misc.
10. Adjourn.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 –6:30 P.M.  
Police Department Conference Room

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

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Spencer, Betts and Grotting

ABSENT: Councilor McCoy

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

VISITORS: Chris Knopik with Clifton Larson Allen (virtual), Robert Berens (virtual)

3. \*\*\*\*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 May 18, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 Checks Numbered 20493-20516, Batch #2 Checks Numbered 20517).
- c. Approval of Large Assembly Permits:
  - i. Triathlon at Lake Rebecca – August 1, 2021.
  - ii. Wedding at 3757 Independence Road – June 12, 2021.
  - iii. Tour de Tonka Bike Ride – August 7, 2021.
  - iv. Wedding at 5675 Koch's Crossing – June 19, 2021.
- d. Agriculture Preserve Termination Application: 2160 Nelson Road.
- e. Approval to Purchase Furniture from Henricksen for the City Hall Offices.
- f. Approval to Move a House into the City and Locate on the Property Identified by PID No. 02-118-24-12-0012 (5845 Lake Sarah Heights Drive).

Johnson noted item (f) should be talked about separately.

**Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to approve the Consent Agenda items (a)-(e). Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Grotting and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

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

Johnson said he was concerned about item (f) on the consent agenda and would like Kaltsas to speak to it. Kaltsas said the ordinance says it needs to be inspected by the Building Inspector (Bruce Satek). Satek thought it was in good condition. Kaltsas noted it was only the top floor that would be transferred to the lot in Independence. Betts asked if it would be put on a new foundation. Kaltsas said he understands it will be put on a foundation.

Johnson was concerned if the neighbors would need to be notified in the future of moves like this which is quote different than building a new home. He noted it does not happen that often and some do not fit well withing the neighborhoods they are placed.

Spencer said his concern is the timing issue and what time frame the whole project would be completed. He noted there were several non-conforming structures on the lot already. He would like to assurance of when it will be done. Kaltsas asked if they could condition the approval. Spencer noted it could be a financial deposit or a definitive date. Grotting agreed that there would need to be more information on what the final build would look like.

Berens said this is for his two daughters to live in and he will complete it as quickly as possible. He noted the basement would be a walk-out. Berens said no corners would be cut and he has already talked to the surveyor. He wants to protect as many trees as he can.

Spencer noted the lot was 100' and Berens said he prefers to put the garage in front of the house. Spencer said he could center the house on the property and put in an L-shaped garage. Spencer encouraged a 5k deposit to ensure timeline.

Vose said Council could look at the code and create neighborhood guidelines on homes that being moved in as a structure already built. He noted the move needs to be safe and the structure is constructed safely and is occupiable. Vose said securing it with a financial component is fine.

**Motion by Spencer, second by Betts to approve the move of a House into the City and Locate on the Property Identified by PID No. 02-118-24-12-0012 (5845 Lake Sarah Heights Drive) contingent on a site plan, sound, and occupiable structure with a refundable deposit of \$5000 upon completion. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Grotting and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

## **5. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF**

### **Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- Planning Commission Meeting
- Public Works Clean-Up Lunch and goodbye to Trish

### **Grotting attended the following meetings:**

- Planning Commission Meeting

### **McCoy attended the following meetings:**

### **Betts attended the following meetings:**

- Planning Commission Meeting

**Johnson attended the following meetings: (Virtual- unless noted)**

- Caring for Kids Breakfast with Orono Healthy Communities
- Orono Awards Night
- National League of Cities Conference Call
- Public Works Clean-Up Lunch and goodbye to Trish
- Gillespie Center Drive Through Appreciation
- Mary Agnes and James Wayland Smith Funeral
- National League of Cities Energy Meeting
- Sensible Land Use Committee Meeting
- City Audit Meeting
- Senior Community Services Meeting
- Christ Lutheran Cemetery Service
- Lewis Cemetery Service
- Planning Commission Meeting

**Horner attended the following meetings:**

- BKV architect meetings (in person and virtual)
- Planning Commission Meeting

**Kaltsas attended the following meetings:**

- MnDOT meetings on construction efforts for Highway 12 and 92 (virtual)

6. Presentation of the 2020 Financial Audit- Chris Knopik, Clifton Larson Allen (Virtual)

a. 2020 Draft Financial Audit

b. 2020 Audit Presentation

Knopik said the City received an unmodified/ clean audit which is the best possible. One item of note was unspent bonds which designate a spike between 2019-2020. He said this was for construction efforts and nothing out of the ordinary.

Knopik said property taxes make up the largest portion of the general fund. He noted development was still happening even though it was a pandemic. He noted a separate fund was designated for the Cares monies. General government funds illustrate consistency year over year and cover administrative costs. Knopik said there was strong delinquent taxes collection effort garnering 98%. He said revenues have outpaced expenditures for the past 4-5 years. Knopik said the City has a nice reserve fund. The future debt load will drop down by 2027. Knopik said the sanitary sewer fund will need to have increased operating income. Operating loss which includes depreciation is not too bad.

Knopik said there were not any compliance items to report which is good news. He stated the disclaimer that an audit provides reasonable assurance but not absolute as that would require going over every item and that is not feasible. He said there was one audit of a transaction in which the watershed payment was put in the wrong year.

**Motion by Betts, second by Spencer to accept the 2020 Financial Audit Report. Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, Betts, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

7. Brent Foster (Applicant/Owner) is requesting the following actions for the property located at 4755 Lake Sarah Heights Cir . (PID No. 02-118-24-12-0007) in the City of Independence, MN:

a. **RESOLUTION 21-0601-01:** Considering approval of a variance to allow a reduced side yard setback for a detached accessory structure on the property located at 4755 Lake Sarah Heights Cir.

Kaltsas said the applicant is seeking a variance from the south - side yard setback to allow the placement of a detached accessory structure (shed) to be located on the property. The applicant located the new 10' x 12' shed on the property last year. The City notified the property owner that the shed needed to be permitted and did not meet the applicable side yard setback. In addition, it was noted that the impervious surface calculation would need to be updated for the property.

The applicant has an existing shed that is legal non-conforming located in the same area on the site. The applicant thought that he would be able to add a new (120 SF or less) shed to the same location without a need for an additional permit. The applicant is now asking the City to consider a variance to allow the shed to remain in its current location and directly in-line with the existing shed (The required side yard setback for detached accessory structures is nine (9) feet. The existing shed is setback 4.4 feet from the side property line and the applicant is seeking a variance to allow the new shed to also be setback 4.4 feet from the side property line. The proposed shed would require a five (5) foot variance.

The property can have a maximum of 25% impervious surface coverage. This property would be permitted to have 4,872 square feet of coverage. The current site has a total impervious coverage of 6,566 square feet or 33% coverage. This impervious surface calculation includes the new 120 SF shed. The City has been working with the applicant relating to the impervious coverage issue. As a result, and in order to bring the property into compliance, the applicant is proposing to replace the existing driveway (1,766 SF) with a new pervious paver driveway. This would result in a reduction in the impervious surface coverage to 4,800 SF or 24.6%.

There are several factors to consider relating to the City's consideration of granting a variance. The City's ordinance has established criteria for consideration in granting a variance.

*520.21. Standards for granting variances. Subdivision 1. The City Council may grant a variance from the terms of this zoning code, including restrictions placed on nonconformities, in cases where: 1) the variance is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this zoning code; 2) the variance is consistent with the comprehensive plan; and 3) the applicant establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning code (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)*

*Subd. 2. An applicant for a variance must demonstrate that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning code. For such purposes, "practical difficulties" means:*

*(a) The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning code.*

*(b) the plight of the property owner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner.*

*(c) the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties. Practical difficulties include, but are not limited to, inadequate access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems. (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)*

*Subd. 3. The City Council shall not grant a variance to permit a use that is not allowed under the zoning code based on the zoning classification of the affected property. (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)*

*520.23. Conditions and restrictions. The board of adjustments may recommend, and the City Council may impose conditions on a variance. Conditions must be directly related to and must bear a rough proportionality to the impact created by the variance. (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)*

Consideration of the criteria for granting a variance:

- a. Residential use of the property is consistent with the Rural Residential/Shoreland Overlay District. The applicant is seeking a variance to allow a second detached accessory structure on the property. The existing structure and the proposed structure are similar in architecture, siding, color, etc.
- b. The character of the surrounding area is residential. Many of the surrounding properties (not the property to the south) have detached accessory structures similar to that of the proposed. The City has historically provided some relief to properties in the Shoreland Overlay District.
- c. There is an existing detached accessory structure located behind the house on the subject property. The overall size of this structure is approximately 120 SF. The City allows a maximum of 1,850 SF for the total permitted for all detached accessory structures on properties less than 2.5 acres. The total SF in the after condition would be 240 SF which is less than the maximum permitted.
- d. The proposed location allows access to the rear yard from the driveway. Locating the shed further north would likely prohibit access to the rear yard. The applicant was granted a variance approximately 10 year ago for a deck stairway on the north side of the property line when adding an addition onto the existing home.
- f. Any approval would need to be subject to the applicant replacing the existing driveway with an approved permeable paver driveway. Planning Commissioners discussed the request with staff and the applicant. Commissioners noted that the structure had been constructed without applicable permits. Commissioners clarified that the existing shed predated the established ordinance.

Commissioners discussed the requirement that the driveway needs to be replaced in order for the variance to be granted. Commissioners recommended that a condition be added that set an end date for the driveway replacement. Commissioners recommended that the driveway replacement occur prior to October 15, 2021. Commissioners thought that the requested home addition would be an improvement to the property and found that it met the criteria for granting a variance.

Commissioners recommended approval to the City Council. The City has received verbal comments from an adjoining property owner who was concerned about the impact of the additional detached structure. The adjacent property owner stated that he was in favor of the variance based on the proposed location at the public hearing. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request for a variance to the City Council with the following findings and conditions:

1. The proposed variance request meets all applicable conditions and restrictions stated in Chapter V, Section 520.19, Procedures on variances, in the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance.
2. City Council approval of the variance is subject to the following:
  - a. The approval of a variance is subject to the applicant replacing the entire concrete driveway with an approved permeable paver driveway. The installation of the permeable paver

driveway shall be in accordance with the approved detail and plan provided to the City and attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The resulting impervious lot coverage shall be no greater than 25%.

3. The City finds that the criteria for granting a variance have been satisfied by the applicant. Specifically, the City finds the following: Residential use of the property is consistent with the Rural Residential/Shoreland Overlay District. The applicant is seeking a variance to allow a second detached accessory structure on the property. The existing structure and the proposed structure are similar in architecture, siding, color, etc.
5. The location of the shed on the property is in line with the existing shed. The alignment, matching architecture and materials does mitigate some of the potential impacts of the proposed structure.
6. The character of the surrounding area is residential. The proposed detached accessory structure would be in keeping and consistent with the surrounding uses found in this neighborhood.
7. The variance will permit a 5-foot reduction (from 9 feet required to 4 feet permitted) of the south side yard setback to allow the proposed detached accessory structure as depicted on the site plan and building plans attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. Any modification changes or alteration to the structure that does not meet applicable setbacks in the future would require additional review and approval in the form of a variance.

There was some discussion around the permeable drive and how it must be maintained to be effective and lasting.

**Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to approve RESOLUTION 21-0601-01 for a variance to allow a reduced side yard setback for a detached accessory structure on the property located at 4755 Lake Sarah Heights Cir. for the property located at 4755 Lake Sarah Heights Cir . (PID No. 02-118-24-12-0007) in the City of Independence, MN: Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, Betts, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

8. Nate Bjerga (Applicant/Owner) is requesting the following action for the property located at 4991 Perkinsville Rd. (PID No. 24-118-24-41-0010) in the City of Independence, MN:

- a. **RESOLUTION 21-0601-02:** Considering approval of a variance to allow a reduced side yard setback associated with a proposed building addition on the subject property.

Kaltsas said the applicant is seeking approval to construct an addition onto the existing home. The addition includes living space as well as a new garage. The existing home is currently a legal non-conforming structure that does not meet all applicable setbacks for this property. The home does not meet either side yard setback (30 feet required).

The applicant is asking the City to consider granting a variance from the side yard setback (west property line) to allow an expansion of the existing home that is in line with the existing side yard setback. The City requires a side yard setback of 30 feet for properties zoned RR-Rural Residential. The existing home is located 21 feet from the west side property line. The applicant is proposing to construct the home addition to extend north so that the side yard setback is 21 feet from the side property line rather than 30 feet as required. The resulting variance to the side yard setback would be 9 feet. The required setbacks for properties zoned RR-Rural Residential are as follows: There are several factors to consider relating to granting a variance. The City's ordinance has established criteria for consideration in granting a variance.

520.21. *Standards for granting variances. Subdivision 1. The City Council may grant a variance from the terms of this zoning code, including restrictions placed on nonconformities, in cases where: 1) the variance is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this zoning code; 2) the variance is consistent with the comprehensive plan; and 3) the applicant establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning code (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)*

*Subd. 2. An applicant for a variance must demonstrate that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning code. For such purposes, "practical difficulties" means:*

*(a) The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning code.*

*(b) the plight of the property owner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner.*

*(c) the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties. Practical difficulties include, but are not limited to, inadequate access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems. (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)*

*Subd. 3. The City Council shall not grant a variance to permit a use that is not allowed under the zoning code based on the zoning classification of the affected property. (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)*

520.23. *Conditions and restrictions. The board of adjustments may recommend, and the City Council may impose conditions on a variance. Conditions must be directly related to and must bear a rough proportionality to the impact created by the variance. (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)*

Consideration of the criteria for granting a variance:

- a. Residential use of the property is consistent with the Rural Residential District.
- b. Many of the surrounding properties do not appear to be in compliance with all applicable principle or accessory structure setbacks.
- c. The character of the surrounding area is residential. The proposed expansion and remodel of a single-family home is in keeping with the surrounding area. There are several additional items that could be considered by the City:

1. Staff discussed alternative options for expanding the existing home with the applicant. They noted that if they were to construct the garage further to the east, it would significantly impact the front entrance. They also noted that they would like to maintain the general interior configuration of the home. The proposed addition that stays in line with the existing structure allows for the best reuse and remodel layout of the existing home.
2. The applicant could locate a detached accessory structure on this property and meet applicable setbacks (15 feet). The applicant noted that they would like to maintain an attached garage.
3. The applicant is purposing to construct an addition that does not increase the non-conforming setback of the existing structure.
4. The proposed remodel of the existing home would likely increase the value of and bring an update to this property.
5. The proposed home/garage addition is a two-story addition which will be taller than the portion of the existing structure that is currently located on this side of the property.

Ultimately the City will need to find that the criteria for granting a variance have been met by the applicant. Due to the configuration of the house on the property and the layout of the existing house itself, there are limited ways to expands the structure that would not require a significant departure to the internal and external use of the existing home. The setback of the proposed addition from Perkinsville Road and the natural screening and buffering that exists to the surrounding property appear to help mitigate the potential impacts. Planning Commissioners clarified the request with staff and the applicant. Commissioners noted that the adjacent house to the west was setback a considerable distance from the shared property line.



Commissioners noted that the lot is a unique in that it is narrower than most lots within the City. Commissioners thought that the requested home addition would be an improvement to the property and found that it met the criteria for granting a variance. Commissioners recommended approval to the City Council.

1. The proposed variance request meets all applicable conditions and restrictions stated in Chapter V, Section 520.19, Procedures on variances, in the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance.
2. City Council approval of the variance is subject to the following submittals:
  - a. A survey of the property and proposed building addition.
  - b. A drainage plan at the time of building permit application. The drainage plan will be reviewed by the City to ensure that the proposed improvements do not adversely impact any of the surrounding properties.
3. The City finds that the criteria for granting a variance have been satisfied by the applicant. Specifically, the City finds the following:
  - a) Residential use of the property is consistent with the Rural Residential District. The applicant is seeking a variance to allow a building addition to the existing home on the property.
  - b) The location of the proposed addition/remodel is in line with the existing home and building setback from the west property line. The alignment with the existing building, updated building architecture and exterior finishes appear to mitigate some of the potential impacts resulting from the addition. The character of the surrounding area is residential. The proposed building addition and remodel would be in keeping and consistent with the surrounding uses found in this neighborhood.
4. The variance will permit an approximate 10-foot reduction (30-foot setback required variance to allow an approximate 20-foot setback) to allow the expansion of the home to be “in-line” with the existing structure without further encroaching into the side yard setback (west property line). This variance will allow the proposed structure as depicted on the site plan and building plans attached hereto as Exhibit B.
5. Any modification, change or alteration to the structure that does not meet applicable setbacks in the future would require additional review and approval in the form of a variance.
6. The Applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the City’s review and recording of the requested variance.

Betts noted this was a good improvement. Grotting said it gets rid of the split look.

**Motion by Betts, second by Spencer to approve RESOLUTION 21-0601-02 allowing a variance to allow a reduced side yard setback associated with a proposed building addition on the subject property located at 4991 Perkinsville Rd. (PID No. 24-118-24-41-0010) in the City of Independence, MN: Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, Betts, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

#### 9. Open/ Misc.

Johnson opened discussion around anonymous letter received from a resident on Woodhill Road. Spencer said the first item was boat trailers parked in the ROW. He said the owners tend to store their trailers on the opposite side of the road on the grass area. Spencer said they do not appear to be in the ROW and most of the people he talked to on the road do not seem to think it is a real issue.

The second items were children riding golf carts and there was a concern about safety. Spencer said if it was an issue maybe WHPS could get involved.

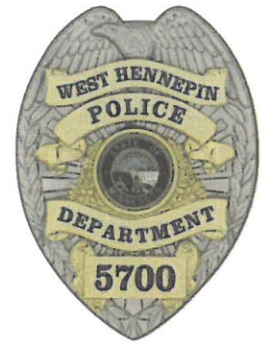
The third issue was that some access on Lake Sarah was being questioned as far as its proper use. Spencer noted this was not an area the City could enforce, and it is up to the residents to work out the access/ structure questions.

10. Adjourn.

**Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, Betts, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**


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Respectfully Submitted,  
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary



Date: June 9, 2021

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

From: Director Gary Kroells 

SUBJECT: May 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

## May 2021

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year	This Year To Date	Last Year To Date
<b>City Of Independence</b>				
Criminal	14	6	46	43
Traffic	122	97	434	468
Part III	8	5	30	38
Part IV	33	24	145	140
Part V	146	128	532	575
<b>Total City of Independence</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>1,264</b>
<b>City Of Maple Plain</b>				
Criminal	4	12	43	29
Traffic	55	43	178	290
Part III	2	1	15	28
Part IV	17	13	97	81
Part V	70	53	272	285
<b>Total City Of Maple Plain</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>713</b>
<b>Grand Total Both Cities</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>1,977</b>
TZD	8	0	12	22
Agency Assists	22	33	70	92
<b>Total ICR Reports</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>2,091</b>
<b>How Received</b>				
Fax	12	4	67	45
In Person	24	9	97	88
Mail	3	0	14	2
Other	0	3	5	9
Phone	35	38	165	152
Radio	194	172	725	754
Visual	184	157	650	876
Email	40	25	145	81
Lobby Walk In	1	7	6	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>2,091</b>



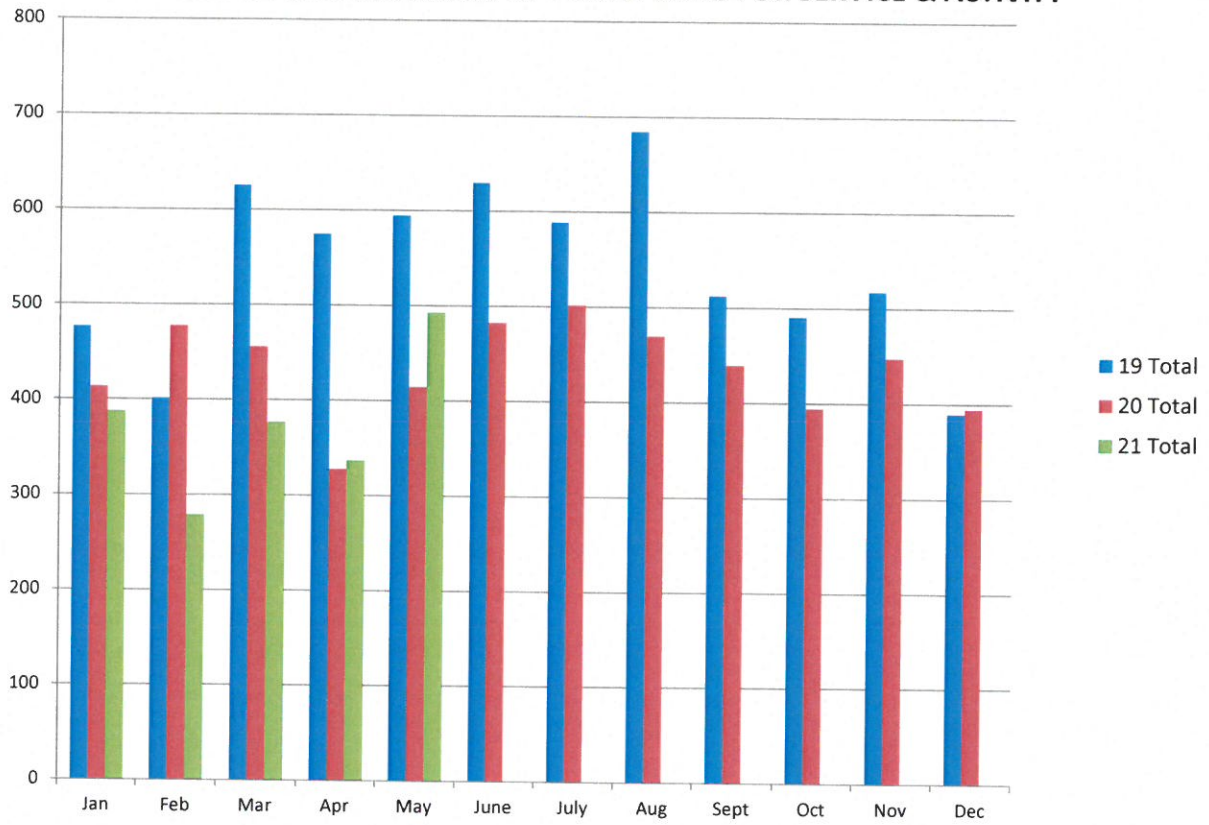
May 2021 Criminal Part I & II  
City of Independence      Grid #'s 3-5

<a href="#">AGN</a>	<a href="#">ICR</a>	<a href="#">Title</a>	<a href="#">Grid #</a>	<a href="#">Reported Date</a>	<a href="#">MOC range</a>
WHPS	21001381	Burglary	3	5/1/2021	B0864
WHPS	21001460	Damage to Property	3	5/7/2021	P3119
WHPS	21001470	Theft of Vehicle	3	5/8/2021	VA032
WHPS	21001520	Felony 5th Degree Drug Possession - Heroin / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	3	5/11/2021	DH518
WHPS	21001542	Unemployment Fraudulent Benefit Claim	3	5/13/2021	U0540
WHPS	21001662	Theft - Stolen Bicycle	3	5/19/2021	TW229
WHPS	21001699	Theft from Mail	5	5/20/2021	T0061
WHPS	21001700	Mailbox Damage	3	5/20/2021	P3119
WHPS	21001745	3rd Degree DWI Refusal	3	5/22/2021	JF501
WHPS	21001750	4th Degree DWI	3	5/22/2021	JG501
WHPS	21001753	Drug Paraphernalia Possession / Provisional License violation	3	5/23/2021	DC500
WHPS	21001798	Theft from Auto	3	5/26/2021	TW150
WHPS	21001833	Falsely Impersonating Another / Theft Scam of Money	3	5/28/2021	U0051
WHPS	21001873	Damage to Property	5	02/31/2021	P3119

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

<a href="#">AGN</a>	<a href="#">ICR</a>	<a href="#">Title</a>	<a href="#">Grid #</a>	<a href="#">Reported Date</a>	<a href="#">MOC range</a>
WHPS	21001453	5th Degree Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Methamphetamine	2	5/6/2021	DH570
WHPS	21001598	Damage to property	1	5/17/2021	P3119
WHPS	21001600	Theft Firearm - Unfounded	2	5/17/2021	TN995
WHPS	21001855	3rd Degree DWI / 3rd Degree DWI Refusal / Underage Drinking and Driving/ Open Bottle / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia / Possess over 1.4 grams Marijuana in Motor Vehicle	2	5/30/2021	DC500

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



# DIRECTOR'S NEWS & NOTES

## WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY May 2021 Activity Report

### Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of May 31, 2021 West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total 1,874 incident complaints: For the month of May 323 occurred in the City of Independence and 148 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:

#### Intoxication

May 1 9:34 a.m. 5300 block Hwy 12, Maple Plain, Intoxicated male observed stumbling down the shoulder of Hwy 12. Male admitted to drinking, did not want to go to detox, wanted to go back to his motel room and would stay in his room. Male transported to his room.

#### Burglary

May 1 6200 block Hwy 12, Independence. Reported burglary from a storage unit. Unit was ransacked and item stolen was an old toddler type train from the 1930's, black in color \$300 value, and a wall hanging tapestry. Case under investigations.

#### Suspicious Person

May 2 4:15 a.m. 1700 Budd Ave, Maple Plain. Routine patrol, Officer observed a male with a backpack on standing near the concession stands in Veterans Memorial Park. Contact with the male who stated he was just on a walk as it was the first warm night. He was advised the park was closed and it was suspicious for him to be in the park at this time. Male understood and was free to leave after the concession stand and all buildings were checked, and nothing appeared to be tampered with.

#### Goose Bite

May 2 Luce Line Trail, Independence. Caller was on the Luce Line Trail, and a goose attacked / bit him as he walked by a swamp / grass area. Officer located several male and female geese along with babies who scattered and did not act aggressive. Unknown which goose was the culprit.

#### Crash

May 3 Hwy 12/ Baker Park Rd, Maple Plain. Vehicle slowing in traffic for stopped traffic at a red light was rear-ended. 37-year-old male from Willmar denied being distracted or on his phone but did state the light was red. Significant front end and back-end damage to both vehicles. Male was cited for Fail to Drive with Due Care.

#### Amazon Scam Attempt

May 3 5200 block Bryantwood Dr, Maple Plain. Message was left for resident that her Amazon will be delivered shortly and \$1,157.00 will be deducted from your account if you do not take action. Resident did not return the call and was advised be extra cautious, do not answer those calls, scam attempts.



#### Trespassing

May 4 1600 Block Delano Street, Maple Plain. Reported a male was trespassing on private property, walking across lawns. The male was contacted and told to stay on the street while walking.

#### Harassment

May 4 8:43 p.m. 1500 block Howard Ave Maple Plain. Resident reported a male was yelling racial slurs, banging on her door and stole her shoes from in front of her door. Officer walked all three floors of the building, all was quiet, and nobody was outside of their apartment. No response to officer knocking on the door of the person suspected of causing the disturbance.

#### Burning Complaint

May 5 3300 block Lake Haughey Rd, Independence. Dispatched for a resident who was lighting up big pile of manure and it stinks. Homeowner said he was burning 'used hay'. Officer advised he could not burn that material and to extinguish it.

#### Scam Attempt

May 6 7100 block Turner Road, Independence. Callers indicated to the resident they were from the Social Security Office with the US Government and accused her of embezzlement. Resident provided callers with names of her banks but did not provide bank account numbers. Resident was advised to respond to her banks to have her accounts frozen, go to [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov) and [annualcreditreport.com](https://www.annualcreditreport.com) and monitor credit and accounts.

West Hennepin Public Safety reminder: Social Security, IRS, Amazon, does not call, as convincing and scare tactics callers use, do not provide any personal info as the callers are scammers trying to steal your money / savings.

#### Fall

May 14 4800 block Gateway Blvd, Maple Plain. Female tried to walk out of her wheelchair, fell hitting the back of her head, was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

#### Dog Bite

May 14 3600 block Lake Sarah Rd, Independence. Delivery service set a package at resident's front door, as the driver was returning to his vehicle a dog came out and bit his arm. Dog owner was contacted to keep the dog quarantined. Due to unprovoked bite, and previous incident with same dog biting, dog owner will be issued a potentially dangerous dog letter.

#### Crash

May 15 Hwy 12/ County Line Rd, Independence. A 16-year-old male driver failed to stop for stopped traffic. Driver lost control as he swerved around the vehicles, crossed over into the e/b lane of traffic, striking another vehicle and left the scene. Driver then turned around in Delano, returning to the scene. Stated he was involved in the crash and did not see a safe place to pull over and did not know what to do. He called his mom and she told him to go back to the scene. Driver was cited for Drive with Due Care.

#### Trespassing

May 15 2300 block Independence Rd, Independence. Trespassing complaint of three juveniles fishing on private property. Three juveniles were located and warned on trespassing on private property.



#### Medical

May 15 3600 block Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Patient was going through drug withdrawals, felt dizzy and weak. Loretto Fire assisted with patient care. North Memorial EMS transported the male to the hospital.

#### Trespassing

May 16 2300 block Independence Rd, Independence. Trespassing complaint of two juveniles fishing on private property. Officer arrival one juvenile had left, and second juvenile was with family. Officer spoke to them regarding fishing on private property.

#### Traffic Complaint

May 16 Hwy 12/ CR 90, Independence. Caller reported vehicle w/b on Hwy 12 traveling towards Delano, struck the Hwy 12 barrier, and delineators. Wright Co Sheriff's Office located the vehicle. Driver was arrested after failing field sobriety tests.

#### Damage to Property

May 17 5200 block Manchester Dr, Maple Plain. Resident reported her Amazon package had been delivered and left on the top of the apartment mail boxes. Later, she picked up the package, found it had been opened and someone had squeezed out the shampoo inside the box. Case under investigation.

#### Burglary – Unfounded

May 18 1500 block Budd Ave. Maple Plain. Reported a burglary in progress with a male leaving in his vehicle. The vehicle was located and found the driver was renting part of the duplex and had permission to be there. No crime, no burglary.

#### Suspicious Act

May 18 9:42 p.m. 6700 block CR 11 Independence. Reported a suspicious white SUV parked in two different areas, then left with vehicle hazards on and driving on the shoulder of the road. Vehicle was located, the juvenile driver was having car troubles and her dad was helping her put antifreeze in her vehicle. Caller was advised of Officer findings, all ok.

#### Suspicious Act

May 18 10:46 p.m. 700 block Copeland Rd, Independence. Reported a suspicious vehicle parked in the golf course parking lot. Contact with 42-year-old female driver who stated she was having an emotional time and pulled over to make a phone call to her mom. Officer advised her to take the time needed and leave when felt ok to drive. Caller was advised of Officer findings.

#### Traffic Complaints

May 18-20 Maple Plain and Independence residents have reported vehicles speeding, driving around barricades and traffic concerns due to Hwy 12 detour.

#### Pain - Electrocuted

May 21 Hwy 12 / CR 90, Independence, A construction worker was holding onto a metal light pole to prevent it from twisting while it was being lifted off its base. The strap around the pole repositioned, causing the pole to move and bounce off a power service line and the male to be electrocuted. When officers arrived, the male was breathing and conscious. Maple Plain Fire and North Memorial EMS monitored vitals. Male refused ambulance transport but was convinced to be transported by a co-worker to the hospital.

#### Property Damage Crash

May 21 4:17 p.m. CR 83/CR 110, Independence. Veh1 and Veh2 w/b on CR 6 began to slow for traffic in front of them at the intersection of CR110. A vehicle in front of Veh3 swerved to the left to either avoid a crash or turn s/b on CR110. Veh3 then noticed Veh2 on its brakes, was unable to stop fast enough and struck Veh2, which hit Veh1.

Veh3 driver had chest and foot pain but refused transport by ambulance. Veh1 & Veh2 were towed from the scene. Veh3 driver cited for Fail to Drive with Due Care.

#### Stalled Vehicle

May 21 11:37 p.m. 4000 block County Line Rd, Delano. Officer observed a vehicle pulled over on the shoulder with a flat tire and its hazards on. Two younger occupants were standing outside the vehicle and advised dad was enroute. Dad showed up and pumped their tire up.

#### Unwanted Person

May 22 5100 block Main Street, Maple Plain. Maple Plain Librarian requested a male to wear a face mask and he refused. Librarian became agitated, screamed at him, and gave him a mask, which he flicked back to her. Male was trespassed from the library for 6 months.

#### DWI

May 22 8:48 p.m. 5900 block Hwy 12, Maple Plain. Vehicle was sitting in the parking lot entrance of a closed business. Driver John Vonberg McKenna, 51 of Eden Prairie, MN, failed to provide an adequate breath sample and was arrested, charged with 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI Refusal. McKenna was released to a family member.

#### DWI

May 22 11:47 p.m. 5200 block Pagenkopf Rd, Independence. While on patrol an officer observed two very bright white LED /accessory type lights on the rear of the vehicle turning on and off. The vehicle was stopped and while speaking with the driver a strong odor of alcohol was detected coming from the driver. Scott Bradley Larson, 58 of Independence, MN, performed poorly on field sobriety tests and provided a breath test which resulted in .14 breath alcohol concentration. Larson was arrested, booked for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI and released to a friend.

#### Harassment

May 23 2:33 p.m. 5400 block Main Street E, Maple Plain. Male reported receiving texts over snap chat from his ex-fiancé and her friend and the male wanted to be left alone. Male did not want police to contact the ex-fiancé and her friend. Male stated he has spoken to them and told them they need to stop.

#### Harassment

May 24 6200 block Wood Hill Lane, Independence. A resident received a voicemail from a 'Legal Department' stating she was in big trouble and if she did not call back, they would be forced to take legal action. Resident stated she is too wise for them and was not going to call them back. Caller ID showed a 763-area code. Resident advised of the scam calls and people 'spoofing numbers', they weren't actually calling from the numbers on caller ID.

#### Personal Injury

May 25 3:25 a.m. CR 6 / CR 110, Independence. Vehicle was w/b on CR 6, veered off the road, struck the wooden power poles holding up the temporary stop lights for the Hwy 12 detour, which caused the lines to come down and obstruct the intersection. A Semi heading EB on Co Rd 6 went thru the intersection right after the crash and the power lines/cables twisted in his truck axels which caused hydraulic line damage disabling it. Novia Kalinowski, 36 from Norwood Young America stated she fell asleep. She was wearing her seatbelt, had a burn from the seatbelt, chest pains, was transported to the hospital by ambulance. CR 6 was closed from CR 90 to CR 19 for approximately 3.5 hours. Kalinowski vehicle towed.

#### Suspicious Act

May 25 5:45 a.m. 5400 block Main Street, Maple Plain. Caller reported a black truck was running, a trailer was attached to the truck, and no one was around. Officer discovered a private utility contractor doing work on the phone lines. The worker was in a boom truck and occupied. All OK.

#### School Bus Stop Arm Violation

May 25 9400 block Hwy 12, Independence. Vehicle drove through the extended school bus stop arm while red lights were flashing. The violation was caught on camera and is being followed up on to cite the driver.

#### Theft from Auto

May 26 CR 110/Luce Line Trl, Independence. A female returned to her vehicle after a walk on the Luce Line and found her passenger window broken and her purse missing. Forty dollars cash, her driver's license and four debit and credit cards were in her purse. She cancelled the debit and credit cards and later learned that one of her credit cards had been attempted to be used.

#### Suspicious Act

May 26 10:09 p.m. 700 Copeland Rd, Independence. Police were called to a local business for two suspicious males who had arrived at closing time. The males left, walking north and west on the business property. Upon arrival, the officer ensured workers were OK, then used his PA to call out to the males to return. They did and after speaking with them, it was learned they were there to scavenge golf balls lost in the creek. They were told in the future to come and ask permission and earlier when it is not so late. They understood.

#### Burning Violation

May 27 3300 block CR 92, Independence. An officer responded to a burning complaint. Upon arrival what was left of a large brush pile burn was observed and no one was around. The homeowner was contacted by phone and admitted burning without a burn permit. He had been previously banned from burning and being issued burn permits due to previous burning issues. Charges pending complaint with a required court date.

#### Scam Spoofing Calls

May 28 4800 block Gateway Blvd. Maple Plain. Local residents reported their caller ID shows Haven Home's phone number is calling. The caller says they are with Haven Homes and asks for their social security number. Haven Homes is not calling local residents, do not give out any info. It is scam call and called 'spoofing numbers', callers are not actually calling from the numbers showing on your caller ID.

#### Theft /Scam

May 28 5400 block Pagenkopf Rd, Independence. Resident reported theft / scam of a large amount of cash. Resident received a call that her grandson was in an accident in Florida and needed money. During the exchange of cash, resident felt something was wrong. It was a scam / theft of money. Grandson was not in an accident. Case under investigation.

#### Found Dog

May 29 Pagenkopf Rd / CR 90 Independence. A friendly, stout, short legged, black, and white husky mix dog with a tan and brown collar, no tags was found in the area. Several dog owners in the area were called, no one recognized the dog. No reports received of a lost dog. The dog was transported to Crossroads Animal Shelter.

#### Grass Fire

May 29 6400 block Fogelman Rd, Independence. Resident had a burn permit, had created a buffer around his burn pile. Resident was unable to extinguish the fire before it reached the swamp area, starting the swamp on fire. Maple Plain and Loretto Fire arrived and extinguished the fire.

#### Damage to Property

May 29 4200 block Town Line Rd, Independence. Caller reported a reddish/ orange, no cab, farm tractor towing an implement struck a mailbox when traveling south on Townline Rd. The area was checked, and the tractor was not found. Officer stopped at the residence to advise the owners of the damaged mailbox, and no one was home. Officer left voice message for homeowner.

#### DWI Hit and Run

May 30 5200 block Bryantwood Dr, Maple Plain. Reported a hit and run crash. Officer located two vehicles with rear and front damage in the parking lot. Contact with Leonel Martinez Salinas, 20 from Maple Plain sitting in the driver's seat playing a chess game on his phone and admitted he struck the vehicle. Smell of alcohol was emitting from Martinez Salinas breath. Martinez Salinas arrested for DWI and refused to test. Arrested and charged for DWI Refusal, Open Bottle, Underaged Drinking and Driving, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Marijuana. Martinez Salinas was released to a family member.

#### Property Damage Crash

May 30 CR 6/ CR17 Independence. 16-year-old female driver from Watertown was going around the curve, looked down to call her mom on her phone and twice over corrected her vehicle when she was about to hit the gravel shoulder. Vehicle went into the ditch and struck a telephone pole. Female was not injured, seatbelt was worn, and no signs of impairment. Female cited for Fail to Drive with Due Care.

#### Noise Complaint

May 30 10:37 p.m. 6400 block Pagenkopf Rd, Independence. Noise complaint found small gathering around a bonfire. Officer observed a few small fireworks being lit off. Contact with the homeowner who was advised of the complaint and apologized. Advised fireworks could not be lit off and needed to quiet down.

#### Damage to Property

May 31 11:18 p.m. 705 Copeland Rd, Independence. ATV observed on the golf course at hole #5, appeared to be popping a wheelie as it left. Hole #5 had damage to the edge of the green and "donuts" in the bunker. The area was checked, and ATV was not located. The ATV had a loud exhaust.

176 contacts of citations, verbal and written warnings were issued for traffic and equipment violations.  
1 citation for wireless hands-free communications device  
9 citations for barricade – drive around