

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL.

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Council Members Betts, Gyllenblad, Wallace and Wenck
STAFF: Administrator Hirsch, Attorney Vose, Public Safety Director McCoy
VISITORS: Jim Coleman, Debi Fredrich, LuAnn Brenno, Jill and Nick Sutton, Mike Zeglin, John Zeglin, Marilyn Hamilton, Leo Poole, Harry Pool, Jim and Lynda Franklin

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

Approve:

- Approval of Council Minutes – September 23, 2008
- Approval of Accounts Payable for October, 2008
- Approval of Month End Finance report ending September, 2008.
- Approval of Ordinance No. 2008-07 Amending Section 540 of the Independence City Code Regulating Telecommunications Towers and Facilities (building size).
- Resolution No. 08-1014-02 approving the Preliminary and Final Plat submitted by Gerald Bentz and Gene Purdy.
- Resolution No. 08-1014-03 approving a simple lot division submitted by Timothy Hughes.

Betts noted a spelling change on page 7, “meting” s/b “meeting” and after some discussion how many acres were in the WMA system in the United States it was decided to remove that portion of the minutes, ending the sentence after the United States.

Motion by Wallace, second by Betts to accept the minutes of September 23, 2008 with the changes as noted above. All present vote aye, motion declared carried.

Motion by Wenck, second by Betts to approve the remaining consent agenda as presented. All present voted aye, motion declared carried.

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

Administrator Hirsch – Stormwater Surface Management Plan

- Gyllenblad: Budget workshop, meeting with City Engineer and Public Works Director to review and discuss the Lindgren Lane issue, Planning Commission meeting.
- Wenck: Budget workshop, Planning Commission meeting, two meetings with the Public Works Director, City Engineer and one with Paul Merz to discuss Wastewater options for Lindgren Lane.
- Wallace: Budget workshop, meeting with Ryan Companies and Delano officials.
- Betts: Budget workshop, meeting with City Engineer and Public Works Director to review and discuss the Lindgren Lane issue, Planning Commission meeting, Chamber of Commerce.
- Mayor: Budget workshop, meeting with City Engineer and Public Works Director to review and discuss the Lindgren Lane issue, Planning Commission meeting, Lake Area Mayor's Breakfast at the Woodland/Deephaven City Hall, Senior Community Service Board meeting, Metropolitan Council Public Hearing Guide Plan for the Highway System, Community Action Partnership Suburban Hennepin Board and Finance meetings, Cable Commission (State of the Cities – four City's involved), Minnehaha Watershed Event, Vinland Center 20 Year Anniversary for the Vocation Training Program, Finance meeting for the Senior Community Services, Maple Plain Fire Department Steak Fry, League of Women Voters Forum, Northwest League of Municipalities, Chamber of Commerce, Orono Healthy Communities, Green Acres meeting, Maple Terrace Apartment meeting, WeCan Board meeting, attended a meeting in Delano regarding Ryan Companies/Target

7. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2008-08, AMENDING SECTION 910 REGARDING DANGEROUS DOGS AS REQUIRED BY MINNESOTA STATE STATUTE 347.50 THROUGH 347.565.

Attorney Vose went through the rewriting of the Section 910 and explained the changes that were made. He noted the definitions and changes were taken verbatim from the State code with no changes.

Motion by Wenck, second by Betts directing Staff to find a person who would be interested in being the City's Hearing Officer when a resident files an appeal and requests a hearing. All present voted aye, motion declared carried.

Motion by Betts, second by Wallace to approve Ordinance 2008-08 to Amend Section 910 with the changes as noted in the Ordinance. All present voted aye, motion declared carried.

8. DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL TO UPDATE THE CITIES DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR STREET SPECIFICATIONS PER BRIAN MILLER'S (CITY ENGINEER – BDM) MEMO.

Administrator Hirsch received a memo from City Engineer Brian Miller stating the City's current street Standards are old and need to be updated. Public Works Director Dan Koch had reviewed the memo also and agreed this needs to be done. Administrator Hirsch stated the last time this was looked at was with the Valhalla Subdivision. That was just to review the private road versus private driveway issue.

Motion by Wenck, second by Gyllenblad to have Brian Miller of BDM provide a cost estimate to have this revised for the next Council meeting, if possible. All present voted aye. Motion declared carried.

9. OPEN/MISC.

Stormwater Surface Plan – Administrator Hirsch brought to the Council’s attention that the City’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan wouldn’t be complete without a Stormwater Surface Management Plan in place. She suggested the City see if either Kimley-Horn or Hakanson could complete it in time to turn in with the rest of the Comp Plan.

Motion by Wenck, second by Johnson to have both Kimley-Horn and Hakanson-Anderson provide a cost estimate to complete this part of the Comp Plan and what the turnaround time would be for completion. All present voted aye. Motion declared carried.

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Betts, second by Wallace to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:15 p.m. All present voted aye. Motion declared carried.

Respectively Submitted, Toni Hirsch – City Administrator