

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 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 Marvin 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, Wenck, Wallace, Gyllenblad.

STAFF: Clerk-Administrator Hirsch, Attorney Vose, Planner Lorsung.

VISITORS: Amy Parzyck, Mel Ikola, Chris Cady, Lynda Franklin, Leo Poole, Roger Hackbarth, Harry Pool, Beth Kunkel, Ray McCoy.

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

Approve:

- February 26, 2008 Council Minutes.
- March 18, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes.
- Budget Report ending February 2008.
- Ordinance No. 2007-03, Amending Chapter 7 of the Independence City Code to address Individual Sewage Treatment System Regulations (ISTS.)

Motion by Gyllenblad, second by Wenck to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Lynn Betts Boards and Committee meetings in February: Police Commission, Police Drug Task Force luncheon, Comp Plan meeting. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

5. SET AGENDA.

ADD: workshop items  
4th of July parade  
2009 budget

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

Gyllenblad: Emergency management training, Police Commission, Special council meeting, Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed.

Wenck: Emergency management training, Chamber meeting, special council meeting.

Wallace: Emergency management training, special council meeting.

Betts: Chamber meeting, special council meeting, Maple Plain Fire Commission meeting.

Mayor: Emergency management training, CAPSH Board meeting, workshop at Waconia City Hall dealing w/infrastructure, Active Living Committee meeting, meetings with our State Senators and Congressman Jim Ramstad, WECAN Finance Committee, CAPSH Finance Committee, special council meeting, met with Joe Homes who works with an organization that takes seniors fishing, Maple Plain Fire Department meeting, Henn. Co. Board of Commissioners Library Open House at Minneapolis Library, WECAN Board meeting, met with Maple Plain mayor and police chief for chief's yearly evaluation.

Clerk Hirsch: LMC Clerks Conference, attended Maple Plain Fire Commission meeting, special council meeting.

7. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY - RAY MCCOY: JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ACTIVITY REPORT.

West Hennepin Public Safety received a 2nd place award for the work they have done with the community. Along with the award comes \$2000. This was presented by Bob O'Brien, the Safe 'n' Sober liaison from the State of MN. Mr. O'Brien stated that our police department does a fantastic job with traffic safety and education, and he is proud to be presenting this award.

Chief McCoy reviewed the January and February activity reports. He stated they have been kept fairly busy the last couple of months with crashes from snow conditions. The Police chaplains will speak at the WeCAN Community Prayer Breakfast in April. He thanked those who participated in the emergency management training.

8. VALHALLA LAND COMPANY LLC, AND MARION HAYES - VALHALLA'S PAINTER CREEK SECOND ADDITION, 5754 COUNTY ROAD 6, PID #23-118-24-32-0011 AND 5742 COUNTY ROAD 6. PID #23-118-24-32-0012. REQUEST FOR LOT LINE REARRANGEMENT, PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT REVIEW. RESOLUTION NO. 08-0325-01.

City Planner Lorsung reviewed the request for council members. Planning Commission recommended approval with listed conditions. Ms. Lorsung stated that this is fairly straightforward and is recommending approval. This lot line had been discussed previously, and either design meets all code requirements.

Motion by Wenck, second by Betts to approve Resolution No. 08-0325-01. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

9. AMY PARZYCK, MEL IKOLA, MATT IKOLA, 85 GAME FARM ROAD, PID #33-118-24-44-0002.

Amy and Mel were present to answer questions. City Planner Lorsung reviewed the request for council members. This kennel is made up of Alaskan Huskies for Mel Ikola's personal hobby. The Planning Commission recommended approval with listed conditions. There have been no complaints issued and the dogs are well cared for.

Motion by Betts, second by Wallace to approve the request as recommended by the Planning Commission. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

10. APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY'S LEGAL PAPER.

Motion by Betts, second by Wallace to continue using the Delano Eagle for our legal paper. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

11. APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Motion by Betts, second by Wenck to approve the list of proposals. Clerk-Administrator requested that the building official be removed from this list. She stated that the building official is a city employee, and if his position is reviewed, all city employee positions should be. She also noted that the planner and the water resource people are helping with the Comp Plan and it would be helpful if they could stay on until that project is completed. We don't have an engineer at this time, so it would make sense to get proposals for engineers.

Mayor Johnson thought the purpose of this was to see if we are in line with the prices we are paying now.

Betts withdrew her motion and moved that we request proposals for engineer, second by Gyllenblad. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk-Administrator Hirsch stated in the beginning of the year she was pleased with the work that these people were doing and she still is satisfied. Mayor Johnson stated that he agreed with Clerk Hirsch that the building official should be separated from the requests

Motion by Wenck, second by Gyllenblad to request proposals for city planner, city water resource person and building official. Voting aye: Wenck, Gyllenblad, Wallace. Nay: Mayor Johnson, Betts. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk-Administrator asked that her job be added to the request list, as she wants to stand by her Staff. Proposals would be due in the office by April 18.

Mayor Johnson suggested that we wait to select the committee who will review the requests until the April 8 meeting.

12. COUNCILMEMBER GYLLENBLAD - MUNICIPAL SEWER UPDATE.

Lindsay Wallace approached Mr. Merz about placing a shared mound system on his property for homes on Lindgren Lane so we could avoid running a sewer line all the way up Independence Road. He realizes Met Council will want to be a part of this discussion also. Mr. Merz expressed some interest, so talks will continue.

Gyllenblad researched a company that is doing similar systems in Greenfield. There are three developments in Greenfield now that are using systems similar to the one we're talking about for Lindgren Lane. They can be built to accept force-main sewer when it is available.

13. OPEN/MISCELLANEOUS.

- WORKSHOP NOTES::

Motion by Wallace, second by Betts to direct City Attorney to prepare a adjustment in our building moving and nuisance ordinances as discussed in our workshop.. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Delano Parade Committee wants to know if we would like to ride in the 4th of July Parade again this year. Keep in mind that anyone is welcome to ride in the city pick up truck or whatever we will have available this year.

Norm Wenck has received a lot of calls with concerns about our city taxes. He would like to start the discussions with the Police Commission, Fire Departments and Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed about budgets for next year, so they don't come in right away with increases. He would like us to communicate to them that we would like to see a reduction in their budgets next year, with a target of 10%.

Mayor Johnson suggested that we have Clerk Hirsch send a memo to these departments asking them for reduced budgets. Council members agreed that would be a good idea.

14. ADJOURN.

Moved by Betts, second by Wenck to adjourn. All present voted aye. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mollie Little, Recording Secretary