

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012 – 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, Councilors Betts, Fisher and Wenck.
ABSENT: Brad Spencer and Attorney Robert Vose
STAFF: Clerk-Administrator Hirsch
VISITORS: Jerry Wise, Pioneer Sarah Creek Commission and Becky Wozney –
Hakanson/Anderson

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

Approve:

- Approval of City Council Minutes from May 15, 2012
- Approval of Accounts Payable for June, 2012
- Approval of the appointment of Jerry Wise to serve as the Cities Representative to the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission.
- Approval of Resolution No. 12-0612-01 authorizing the beginning of construction of the Vinland Center Sanitary Sewer Extension.
- Approval Resolution No. 12-0612-02 Adopting the Local Water Management Plan
- Approval of reimbursement of funds to a resident on Lindgren Lane for over payment of Sewer fees.
- Approval from Council to direct Staff to amend Section 1115 – Large Assemblies permit approval process to Staff and to bring back any changes that are needed elsewhere in this Section.
- Approval to meet with BWRS to explore what there is we can do as projects to help eliminate TMDL issues and for Council Person Brad Spencer to also meet with us as the Alternate to the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Commission.

Jerry Wise Appointment to the PSCWMC -

Mayor Johnson pulled Jerry Wises appointment to the Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission from the agenda, for a short time to discuss the position with Jerry Wise. Mayor Johnson asked him if he had any questions of the Council or Staff before they made the motion to appoint him.

He stated that he received a rather large packet of information from Councilmember Spencer, which included the budget, TMDL and other information. He is happy to be appointed, as he felt the need to have proper representation from the Lake Sarah group.

Reimbursement of overpaid User Availability Fees to a resident

Mayor Johnson pulled the Reimbursement of Sewer Fees from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. There was some further discussion about the process and what was actually voted on to put these USF's on those residents who can hook up to the City sewer and haven't. Did the motion include properties that have no primary residence and/or the vacant parcels also?

After much discussion, City Administrator Hirsch was directed to look up the wording for this fee and see how it was to be administered.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wenck, to table the User Availability Fee until the June 26th City Council meeting. To give some time to further review the wording for this fee. Ayes: Mayor Johnson, Betts, Fisher and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Motion by Fisher, second by Wenck to approve the Consent Agenda as printed, excluding the User Availability Fee issue. Ayes: Mayor Johnson, Betts, Fisher and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

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

Wenck – wanted to discuss some other options for the Administrative Assistant position.
Johnson - Museum

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer not present.

Wenck attended the following meetings:

- 2 - Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission Meetings, one budget and the other one for the Executive Board

Fisher attended the following meetings:

- Had no meetings to report

Betts attended the following meetings:

- The Sensible Land Use they talked about the “new normal”
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce
- The Maple Plain Fire Commission (canceled)

Johnson attended the following meetings:

Mayor Johnson mention resident June Sutton celebrated her 97th birthday on June 14, 2012.

- ‘State of County’ event at Plymouth Community Center
- Police Commission
- Awards Night at Orono High School
- CAPSH Board Meeting and Training Session
- Maple Plain Fire Department
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Hirsch attended the following meetings:

- Election training in Maple Grove to learn how to use the SVRS program for absentee balloting
- Attended a full day of training held here in the Community Center with @ 25 other Community Representatives to review the whole process, step by step before the Elections actually start.
- West Hennepin Public Safety Commission meeting.
- Met with Krista Pexa of the Pioneer/Laker paper, which is currently one of our Legal papers to discuss some better options of addressing the Cites issues and day to day stories and events, paper delivery issues and front page coverage requests.
- Met with Ryan Kelley (Land Use Planner) and Michael Larson (Transportation Planner) Representatives from Hennepin County Housing, Community Works and Transit. Discuss pros and cons of the Active Living Program and ways it can be better addressed.

7. Presentations –

- a. Lynn Betts – Women in Government Certificate, Councilmember Spencer submitted Lynn’s name in an application for Women in Government and their accomplishments. She didn’t win, but received a nice certification for what she has done for Government in her service as a Council person.

- b. Roger Schmitz, Center Pointe Energy – was present to present the City a check in the amount of \$750 to be used to purchase reflective safety vests for our residents who enjoy being outside, but don't have anything to wear that shows the drivers on the highways where you are.
- c. Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, Active Living Promotion –The City of Independence once again participated in the “Step to it Challenge” which ran from April 23 through May 20, 2012. In doing so, the City was able to handout four awards for “high steppers” in our Community. They were Ken Kowalke who won first place and tickets for the June 26th Twins game where he will be recognized as our Cities winner with all the other 22 Cities who participated on the Twins playing field. Our other three winners were second place – Jordan Spencer who won the Bike and helmet provided by the West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce. The other two winners were Carol Neyens and Mary Printy who both won 24 Fitness Training certificates. Congratulations to them all and those who participated but didn't place, hopefully they beat thier own personal time and steps.

Remember, there's always next year!

8. (8:00 p.m.) PUBLIC HEARING - Becky Wozney, Hakanson-Anderson, (SWPPP)
Stormwater Pollution Prevention Annual Report.

Becky Wozney was present to address any questions the Public or Council may have had in regards to the annual SWPPP. The deadlines for these to be completed which is normally June will now be later into the Summer, possibly August. She also noted there are two new TMDL's, one is located in the South Mississippi, which is huge and encompasses the Lake Pepin area, the other one is in the Upper Minnehaha area which affects Painter Creek.

There were no questions from the Public.

Motion by Betts, second by Wenck to close the Public Hearing, Ayes, Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Betts, Fisher and Wenck; Nays'; None; Absent: Spencer; MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. Misc./Open

Staff Vacancy – Councilmember Wenck shared the thought of possibly having the West Hennepin Public Safety and the City of Independence Staff share some responsibilities, to possibly help with the Budgets, being we are paying for both departments – it may help.

Staff was directed to discuss this with the Police Chief so see what if anything we could do this with.

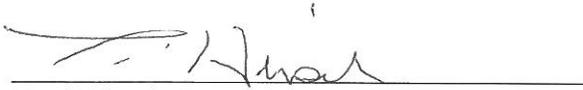
Museum – Mayor Johnson was asked by a Museum Board Member who was concerned about the lease running out because it was heading toward the 15 year lease deadline (July). They were worried about the insurance running out before they could get their items moved to the museum in Long Lake.

Motion by Johnson, second by Betts to extend their as long as they are in the building. Ayes; Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Betts, Fisher and Wenck; Nays; None, Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. Adjourn.

Motion by Wenck, second by Fisher to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:05 p.m. Ayes; Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Betts, Fisher and Wenck; Nays; None: Absent; Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Hirsch, Recording Secretary