

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 – 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, Councilmembers Betts, Spencer, Wallace and Wenck.

STAFF: Clerk-Administrator Hirsch, City Attorney Vose, City Planner Kaltsas, Public Safety  
Director McCoy

VISITORS: Mary Roehl, Larry Opelt

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

Approve:

- Approval of Council Minutes – August 23, 2011
- Approval of Accounts Payable for September, 2011
- Approval of the Ultimate Disc (Frisbee Golf) event to be held at the Polo Grounds on September 17 and 18, 2011.
- Appointment of Election Judges for the 2011 Municipal Election
- Resolution No. 11-0913-02 Appointing the Absentee Ballot Board
- Approval of Resolution No. 11-0823-02, Approving a Minor Subdivision as requested by Harry Pool for the property located at 8145 County Road 11
- Approval of Resolution No. 11-0823-03, Amending the Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Approval for Vinland National Center located at 3675 Ihduhapi.

Hirsch stated that Pool requested his item be removed from the evening's agenda.

Wenck wanted clarification that it was Phase 1 of the site plan that they were approving for Vinland Center.

**Motion by Wenck, seconded by Spencer, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Ayes: Betts, Johnson, Spencer, Wallace, and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

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

No items were added.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

- Spencer: Met with Water Resources Consultants regarding possible grants, Planning Commission Meeting, City Budget Meeting
- Wenck: City Budget Meeting
- Wallace: City Budget Meeting
- Betts: Sensible Land Use Meeting, Two Fire Commission Meetings, Police Commission Meeting, City Budget Meeting
- Johnson: League of MN Cities Improving Economy Meeting, Final Udder Market Dinner and Movie in the Park, Met with Matt Norton from Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Metro Cities Municipal Revenue Meeting, Congressman Eric Paulsen Public Forum in Mound, Two Fire Commission Meetings, League of MN Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee Conference, Community Action Partnership for Suburban Hennepin Finance Committee Meeting, Council of Mayors Meeting, Meeting with Dr. Malloy on study on destroying zebra mussels, Orono School Board Meeting, City Budget Meeting, Met with now retired Hennepin County Assessor Jensen
- Hirsch: Sensible Land Use, Two Fire Commission Meetings, Police Commission Meeting, City Budget Meeting, Met with Craig Yolkum and Becky Wozney from Hakanson-Anderson on Surface Water Management Plan, Met with representative from Tower Cleaning, Frisbee Golf Course is in construction at Pioneer Creek Park and should be ready to go within a week.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING CASE NO. 10003508 AND WHPS'S REQUEST TO APPEAL THE COURTS DECISION

Johnson explained that a judge ruled against the West Hennepin Public Safety in a DWI case. He stated they need to make the decision of whether to move forward with an appeal. He felt the cost to appeal is too much to pursue but he wants to make sure the Police Department knows the Council supports them. Wenck stated the officer did not do anything wrong. He does not feel they should proceed with the appeal process.

McCoy clarified that an appeal has been filed already.

**Motion made by Wenck, seconded by Johnson, to withdraw the appeal. Ayes: Betts, Johnson, Spencer, Wallace, and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

8. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-0913-01 APPROVING THE 2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND LEVY.

Johnson was concerned that if there is going to be a surplus from 2011, he would like to see a reduction of \$20,000-\$30,000.

**Motion by Wenck, seconded by Spencer, to approve the preliminary budget in the amount of \$1,937,081 (Ad Valorem). Ayes: Betts, Johnson, Spencer, Wallace, and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

Johnson thanked staff for the work done in preparing the materials.

9. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SETTING THE TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M

Council discussed when to hold the Truth in Taxation meeting.

**Motion made by Wenck, seconded by Betts, to hold the Truth in Taxation meeting on December 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: Betts, Johnson, Spencer, Wallace, and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

10. OPEN/MISC.

No items.

11. ADJOURN

**Motion made by Betts, seconded by Wenck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Ayes: Betts, Johnson, Spencer, Wallace, and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly A. Olson, Recording Secretary