

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014 – 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 Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer

ABSENT: Councilor Betts

STAFF: City Administrator Hirsch, City Attorney Voss, and City Planner Kaltsas

VISITORS:

4. SWEARING NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILORS

Brad Spencer was sworn in by City Administrator Hirsch. Betts was not sworn in, as she was absent.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. 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.

- Approval of City Council minutes from December 17, 2013
- Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of January, 2014
- Approval to set the 2014 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization for *Tuesday, April 8, 2014 or May 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.?*
- Approval of Resolution No's revoking the following conditional use permits:
 - 14-0114-01 Revoking CUP for a Hobby Kennel at 4405 County Road 92, Michael Kuka
 - 14-0114-02 Revoking CUP for the use of a temporary residence as a Guest House at 3245 County Road 92, Nathan Barlow
 - 14-0114-03 Revoking CUP for a Horse Boarding operation at 2510 County Road 92, Kimberly Reed
 - 14-0114-04 Revoking CUP for a trucking, excavation and pulverizing business at 2858 Nelson Road, Kathy and John Zeglin (former residence of Art Ahlstrom)
 - 14-0114-05 Revoking CUP for an Auto Repair and New and Used Parts at 1960 County Road 90, Formerly-A & P Auto Specialists (moved)
 - 14-0114-06 Revoking Amendment for a CUP to store tropical plants, 6315 West Main Street, Mark Manente

- Approval of the first pay application No.1 from Sunram, the Independence Outlet Contractors. The payment request is for \$44,483.75.
- Requesting the support of the City Council to approve the applications of positions on the Minnesota Municipal Clerks & Finance Officers Association Executive Board for the City Administrator and Accounting Clerk for the Year of 2014/2015.

Johnson requested the 2014 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization be held on April 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., as previously considered.

Motion by Fisher, second by Wenck to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

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

Johnson and Wenck added discussing the Maple Plain/Independence Taskforce update, at the end of the meeting.

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

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Police Commission Meeting

Wenck attended the following meetings:

- None

Fisher attended the following meetings:

- None

Betts attended the following meetings:

Absent

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Police Commission Meeting
- Senior Community Services Annual Meeting
- Orono School District – Healthy Youth Meeting
- Community Action Partnership Suburban Hennepin County Finance Committee Meeting
- Conference of Mayors in Minneapolis
- Orono School Board Meeting
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting in Maple Plain

Hirsch attended the following meetings:

- Attended Meeting to be shared at the next Council Meeting

7. FIRST OF THE YEAR APPOINTMENTS:

- Planning Commissioners - recommendation is to re-appoint the incumbents, Tom Palmquist and Craig Olson for another 3-year term.
- See the attached remaining appointments list.

Johnson discussed the City appointed people and any changes or additions to the appointed list.

The Public Works Director will remain as the weed inspector; which is now Larry Ende.

Johnson discussed breaking up the Fire Department Advisory Board, as the City reports to three departments. He suggested Fisher and himself be the Liaison for Delano Fire Department and Wenck and Spencer as the Liaison for the Loretto Fire Department. Betts, Johnson, and Hirsch could cover the Maple Plain Fire Department, as previously assigned.

Wenck could remain with the Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission along with Jim Smith.

The official newspapers would be the *Delano Eagle*, *the Pioneer*, with the addition of the *Delano Herald*.

The Planning Commission Liaison will be updated to Brad Fisher, who has been attending the meetings for the last few months.

Pioneer Sarah Watershed contact was updated to Joe Baker with Brad Spencer being the alternate contact.

The Acting Mayor position suggested changing it from Brad Spencer to Lynn Betts.

If a Councilmember is unable to attend an appointed meeting another Councilmember can go in their place as a representative.

Motion by Wenck, second by Fisher to keep the appointments as schedule with a few changes or additions to the list, See Exhibit A. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Johnson discussed the Planning Commission re-appointing the incumbents, Tom Palmquist and Craig Olson for another 3-year term. Both Fisher and Spencer agreed the Planning Commission is doing a great job.

Motion by Fisher, second by Wenck to approve the re-appoint of Tom Palmquist and Craig Olson for another 3-year term to the Planning Commission. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. APPROVAL TO CANCEL THE JANUARY 28 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO A LACK OF AGENDA ITEMS.

Motion by Wenck, second by Spencer to cancel the January 28th City Council meeting due to lack of agenda items. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. MISC. /OPEN.

Johnson discussed the Taskforce Meetings, he and Wenck along with Maple Plain Councilmember's Justin McCoy and Mike DeLuca had been attending these meetings over the last few months. He presented a report that summarizes their discussion about the shared services and recommendations. There were three points of discussion in which they want the two City Administrators to come up with a plan. Johnson stated Independence snow plows assisted Maple Plain this winter when Maple Plain was having trouble with their equipment. Johnson mentioned possibly sharing events, consulting, and purchasing services. With the Council's approval the City Administrators would be directed to do this.

Wenck suggested having the two Councils meet jointly with staff to discuss how everything working between the two cities. He stated the Public Works Departments from both cities' could possibly share a weekend on-call staff member. Both cities are familiar with city sewer; however, Maple Plain has city water and Independence does not. Johnson mentioned one of Maple Plain's Public Works staff members will also be retiring this spring.

Johnson stated they wanted the City Administrators to have a plan by the first of May. Johnson also suggested having an official Liaison from the City of Independence attend Maple Plain's Council Meetings. Maple Plain just yesterday appointed Justin McCoy and Mike DeLuca as an Independence Council Meeting Liaison. Fisher suggested the Council's meet jointly each quarter and discuss shared services figures.

Motion by Wenck, second by Fisher to approve the report and assign the City Administrators to come up with a plan. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. ADJOURN.

Motion by Wenck, second by Spencer to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Nelson, Recording Secretary