

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013 – 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, Wenck, and Spencer

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Hirsch and Bob Vose

VISITORS: Tim Ryan, Tim Doboszinski, Calvin Castonguay, Nicole West, James Buck and Family, Sue Wilson, Ray McCoy, and several others who were present for the presentation, but did not register

4. 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 October 22nd, 2013
- Approval of the minutes from the Canvass Board meeting on November 6, 2013.
- Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of November, 2013
- Approving the certification of delinquent utilities for the year 2013, Resolution # 13-1112-01
- Approval of Resolution No. 13-1112-02 approving the preliminary and final plat of the Franklin Hills Subdivision Second Addition.
- Approval of the Developers Agreement for the “Franklin Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition”.

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

5. SET AGENDA-ANY ONE NOT ON THE AGENDA CAN BE PLACED UNDER OPEN/MISC.

Johnson stated he would like to review the ruling made regarding road shoulders. Item added to the end of the agenda.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- Public Works Workshop
- Independence Outlet Project Meeting
- Pioneer-Sarah Creek Strategic Planning Meeting
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Pioneer-Sarah Creek Commissioner Meeting

**Wenck attended the following meetings:**

- Public Works Workshop
- Election Certification
- Training for Board of Equalization and Review Appeal
- Taskforce Meeting with the City of Maple Plain

**Fisher attended the following meetings:**

- Public Works Workshop
- Sensible Land Use Meeting

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- Public Works Workshop
- Sensible Land Use Meeting
- Election Meeting

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- Conference Call for Small Steering Committees Meeting for the National League of Cities
- Nominating Committee Meeting for Senior Community Services
- Community Action Partnership Suburban Hennepin County Board Meeting
- Public Works Workshop
- Senior Community Services Fundraiser Dinner
- Taskforce Meeting with the City of Maple Plain
- Three Rivers Park District Open House
- Met Council 2040 Plan Meeting in Minnetonka
- Meeting with the County Assessor – Regarding the Board of Review
- Senior Community Services Finance Committee Meeting
- Election Meeting
- Healthy Youth Meeting for the Orono School District
- Delano School District Veteran’s Day Program
- Conference of Mayors Meeting in Minneapolis
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Johnson informed the Council that Phil Conan, the former Mayor of Brooklyn Park, passed away and he attended his funeral.

**Hirsch attended the following meetings:**

- Public Works Workshop
- Taskforce Meeting with the City of Maple Plain
- Meeting with the County Assessor – Regarding the Board of Review
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Municipal Election
- Election Meeting

Johnson announced that Brad Spencer and Lynn Betts were re-elected and will serve another 4 years.

7. **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY RAY MCCOY –**

- a) Presentation of a Life Saving Award to Independence Resident James Buck
- b) Acceptance of the Professional of the Year Award to the Director of Public Safety, Ray McCoy

- a) McCoy described the single vehicle accident and emergency departments that responded. Sergeant Kroells was the responding officer in charge. He played a slideshow that displayed photos of the accident scene. McCoy also listed the driver’s serious injuries. McCoy described the passer-by of the accident and resident of Independence, James Buck’s, heroic efforts; which saved the life of the driver who crashed. The driver was air lifted to the hospital. McCoy then presented Buck with a Life Saving Award.

James Buck thanked everyone for the award and recognition. He stated he was just doing what every good citizen should do. Buck stated the real heroes are the men and women in uniforms.

Johnson asked about how he came upon the accident. Buck described seeing the car in the ditch and the steps he took to help the driver.

- b) Johnson introduced Sue Wilson, Director of Finance and Operation at Crown College, who came to recognize the Public Safety Director McCoy. Wilson recognized McCoy, a Crown College alumni 1972-1975, for his contributions and accomplishments with his professional career. She described McCoy’s previous work experience including: fire fighter, patrol officer, investigator, sergeant, and Director of Public Safety. Crown College honored McCoy with the Professional of the Year Award.

Johnson congratulated McCoy on his award. McCoy thanked everyone for the recognition and award. He stated he was honored. A full presentation of various awards to Crown College alumni was conducted during this year’s Crown College’s Homecoming Game.

8. MISC. /OPEN.

Johnson requested the City Planner, Kaltsas, review the ordinance regarding City street shoulder width. Betts agreed this needs to be reviewed. The Planning Commission can review and give recommendations to the Council.

**Motion by Johnson, second by Betts to have the City Planner review the ordinance for shoulder width on City Streets. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

Johnson discussed moving the second City Council Meeting to December 17<sup>th</sup>, if needed, as December 24<sup>th</sup> is Christmas Eve.

**Motion by Wenck, second by Spencer to move the second December City Council meeting from December 24<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup> if needed. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

9. ADJOURN.

**Motion by Spencer, second by Wenck to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jolene Nelson, Recording Secretary