

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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: Bob Vose

STAFF: City Administrator Hirsch and City Planner Kaltsas

VISITORS: Mike Flannigan, Erica Severin, Deb & Les Peterson, Eldwin Sassen, and Rob Viers

4. CONSENTAGENDA

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 November 26, 2013
- Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of December, 2013
- Approval to not waive the monetary limits on Tort Liability established by MN Statutes, to the extent of the limits of liability coverage obtained from LMCIT

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

5. SETAGENDA-ANYONENOTONTHEAGENDACANBEPLACEDUNDER
OPEN/MISC.

None.

6. REPORTSOFBOARDS&COMMITTEESBYCOUNCILANDSTAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Policy Commissioners Meeting
- View Santa
- Truth in Taxation Meeting

Wenck attended the following meetings:

- LMCC Commission Executive Committee Meeting
- Maple Plain/Independence Taskforce Committee
- Truth in Taxation Meeting

Fisher attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission
- Truth in Taxation Meeting

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting
- Dinner with WHPS following the View Santa Event
- Truth in Taxation Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting
- Maple Plain/Independence Taskforce Committee
- Tribute to Agriculture Award Ceremony
- Meeting with Katie Rodriguez of the Metropolitan Council
- Council of Mayors Meeting in Minneapolis
- Truth in Taxation Meeting
- Orono School Board Meeting
- Maple Plain City Hall Tree Lighting
- Dinner with WHPS following the View Santa Event

Hirsch attended the following meetings:

- Hennepin County Public Works – Partnering with the Community Meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Truth in Taxation Meeting
- Meeting with Steve McDonald of ABDO Regarding Capital Improvement
- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting
- Meeting with Katie Rodriguez of the Metropolitan Council
- Planning Conference for the MCFOA

7. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF THE 2014 BUDGET AND LEVY, RESOLUTION NO. 13-1210-01

Hirsch stated the sales and use tax exemption figures was over estimated. After further discussions with Steve McDonald it was re-calculated to save roughly \$22,000. The original figure came from another staff member from ABDO. The Councilors discussed the savings and calculations.

Motion by Betts, second by Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 13-1210-01 approving the 2014 Budget and Levy.

Johnson informed the Councilors this shows a 2% increase. He asked about the capital and road improvement and equipment budget. Hirsch pointed out the plans, lists in another section and stated the end dates.

Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. MISC. /OPEN.

None.

11. ADJOURN.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Nelson, Recording Secretary