

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 – 7:35 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 8:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher
ABSENT: City Planner Kaltsas
STAFF: City Administrator Hirsch and City Attorney Voss
VISITORS: None

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 March 25, 2014
- Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of April, 2014
- Approval of the 2014 Fee Schedule
- Approval of the 4th Quarter for 2013

Johnson inquired about changes to the Fee Schedule. Hirsch stated there were zoning fee changes. Johnson stated he would like to pull the fee schedule out of the consent agenda so it could be discussed further.

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

Hirsch stated the proposed Fee Schedule changes were discussed with the City Planner, and the decision to change the fees would help the City reduce the excess billing they have had to do over the last few years. She stated some escrows were added to zoning fees and some escrows were increased. She stated all the escrows changed except for the non-conforming use escrow; which was \$1000 and the proposed change would be \$1500. The consolidated lots fee changed from \$300 to \$500 and the escrow changed from \$250 to \$500. The variances stayed the same.

Hirsch stated the Community Room rental fee proposed changes would include resident and non-resident rental fees.

Motion by Wenck, second by Fisher to approve the revised Fee Schedule for 2014. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

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

Johnson requested adding the Maple Plain Discovery Center’s request to recognize the Public Safety Director, Ray McCoy. The Discovery Center is asking for an approval of a proclamation which would be given on the 16th of April.

Motion by Wenck, second by Betts to approve a Proclamation for the West Hennepin Safety Director. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Johnson requested changing the time of the next Council Meeting on April 22, 2014 to 8:00 p.m., due to the swearing in of the new police officers, Sergeant, and Public Safety Director. Betts stated the reconvene Board of Review will start at 8:00 p.m. Johnson stated the City Council Meeting will just start directly after as the reconvene meeting; which should not take too long.

Motion by Wenck, second by Fisher to approve the next City Council meeting on April 22, 2014 start time of 8:00 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Johnson stated a work session meeting has been requested by Hirsch. Hirsch stated she would like to discuss city sewer hook-ups and the Vinland Center with the staff. She will be sending out a request, to the Councilmembers, to schedule a morning meeting.

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

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- None

Wenck attended the following meetings:

- Sensible Land Use Coalition Meeting – regarding condos and townhomes
- Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission Meeting

Fisher attended the following meetings:

- None

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Meeting with Minnesota Women and Municipal Government
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Senior Community Services Board Meeting
- Community Action Partnership Suburban Hennepin County Annual Meeting
- A day at the Capitol visiting with Leaders
- Healthy Youth Meeting for the Orono School District
- Public Safety Department Meeting regarding Marijuana
- Paul Lindholm Funeral
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Safety in the workplace meeting with WHPS

Hirsch attended the following meetings:

- Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
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- Pre-Board of Review Meeting
- Work session with City Planner
- Work Comp Audit
- Safety in the workplace meeting with WHPS

Johnson reminded the Councilmembers that they are invited to the Citizen’s Police Academy Graduation on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 8:30 p.m.

Wenck inquired about the date and time of WHPS Swearing In Ceremony. Johnson stated it is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

7. MISC. /OPEN.

None

8. ADJOURN.

**Motion by Wenck, second by Betts to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:02 p.m.
Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION
DECLARED CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Nelson, Recording Secretary