

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016 –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 Brad Spencer at 7:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilor Spencer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilors Betts, Spencer, McCoy and Grotting (arrived at 7:45)

ABSENT: Mayor Johnson

STAFF: City Planner & City Administrator Mark Kaltsas, City Administrative Assistant Horner, City Attorney Vose

VISITORS: John Utley

4. ****Consent Agenda****

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.

- a. Approval of City Council minutes from the April 26, 2016 City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of City Council minutes from the May 10, 2016 City Council Meeting.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 16140-16173.
 - a. For Information - Checks Numbered 16125-16139 are Payroll Checks.
- d. First Quarter Financial Report
- e. **RESOLUTION 16-0524-01** – Revised Resolution approving a minor subdivision to allow a lot line rearrangement for the property located at 2810 Nelson Road – revised from the May 10, 2016 City Council Meeting.
- f. Approval of Contribution to Delano Area Senior Center
- g. Approval of Pioneer Creek Golf Course – Certification of an On Sale Liquor License, 3.2% Liquor License, or Sunday Liquor License Application

Item (f) was pulled by Vose for discussion and item (d) was pulled by McCoy for discussion.

Motion by Betts, second by McCoy to approve Consent Agenda with the exception of pulled items f and d. Ayes: Betts, Spencer, and McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson and Grotting. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

McCoy clarified that it was a “yearly” budget not “year-to-date” as shown. Kaltsas said that was indeed correct. McCoy asked Kaltsas what his take on the first quarter would be as far as the budget. Kaltsas said the City is right in line with where we should be at 94.6%. He noted Staff is working on reclassifying some of the expenses and revenues.

McCoy asked why some of the wages showed an increase. Kaltsas said that has to do with the building official and how that time is coded. He noted historically 25% of his time was coded to the sewer budget when more time was actually billed administratively. Kaltsas said this would be sorted out for future budgets.

Motion by McCoy, second by Betts to approve Consent Agenda item d. Ayes: Betts, Spencer, McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson and Grotting. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Vose stated item (f) was a characterizing issue. He said it is listed as a contribution but he would like to have that characterized as an ongoing (informal) service contract. He said this important as the City cannot make donations to a nonprofit but may enter into service contracts. Vose stated the year-end stats are received to make it clear that our residents are receiving services through the Delano Senior Center. Betts asked if it needed to be reworded. He said yes as it was not a contribution.

Motion by Betts, second by McCoy to approve Consent Agenda item f stating it is not a contribution but rather is a service agreement per the City Attorney Vose's suggestion. Ayes: Betts, Spencer, McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson and Grotting. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

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

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting
- City Council Workshop
- Maple Plain Spring Fling
- Gene Ullstrom funeral
- Lake Independence Citizens Association Social and received plaque from them in gratitude for all the work on the lake's water quality

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- None to report

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- None to report

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Police Commission Meeting
- City Council Workshop

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Absent

Horner attended the following meetings:

- Election training for e-poll books
- Planning Commission meeting
- City Council Workshop

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- City Council Workshop
- Planning Commission Meeting

Councilmember Grotting arrived (7:45 p.m.).

7. **DIRECTOR GARY KROELLS, WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY - ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2016.**

Kroells stated Independence has 1500 incidents to date. He highlighted a few cases.

for a complete report please see the City Council online meeting packet for May 24, 2016

Kroells stated the Highway 12 bonding did not pass so he along with other groups is calling for a special session. He said there would be a press conference on May 25th with Representative Hertaus and the Highway 12 Safety Coalition to address the need for a special session. He said he is hopeful there will be a special session and there are many things in the bonding bill needed by the citizens of Minnesota.

Kroells said the LED lights that were installed at the intersections in Independence along Highway 12 over a couple weeks ago still do not work. He has had conversations with Xcel and Wright-Hennepin and is working to get these activated.

Motion by Betts, second by McCoy to accept the April 2016 Activity Report. Ayes: Betts, Spencer, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CONDUIT REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF BEACON ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROJECT UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTIONS 469.152 THROUGH 469.1655.**

- a. **RESOLUTION 16-0524-02** – Authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of charter school lease revenue bonds (BEACON ACADEMY project), series 2016, in one or more series; approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of the bonds and related documents; providing for the security, rights, and remedies with respect to the bonds; and granting approval for certain other actions with respect thereto.

Utley stated this is the last step and if the Council approves this resolution tonight the bonding process would take about six weeks. He noted the bonds would be issued in July. Utley said every indication is that the Crystal City Council will approve their side at their June 7th meeting. He said this is a fairly standard transaction and he is happy to answer any questions.

Spencer thanked Utley for bringing the opportunity to the City of Independence and said it looked like a wonderful project.

Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to approve Resolution 16-0524-02. Ayes: Betts, Spencer, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. **OPEN/MISC.**

Spencer said the City has received notice of an invitation of the 3rd in a series of conversations about water quality in the Sarah Creek Watershed District. He said it is part of a WRAPS TMDL. It is a community forum scheduled for June 29th from 6-9 p.m. at Independence City Hall. Spencer said registration is required and he would like to invite everyone.

10. ADJOURN.

Motion by McCoy, second by Grotting to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Ayes: Betts, Spencer, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: Johnson. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Bemmels/ Recording Secretary