CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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 the City Council minutes from the February 5, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
   b. Approval of the City Council minutes from the February 13, 2018 Special Joint Council Meeting.
   c. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 17774 - 17806.
   d. Letter of Support for Delano Sportsman’s Club Planned Expansion in Wright County.


6. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.


8. Public Works Updates

   a. Review 2017 Public Works Projects

9. Open/Misc.

10. Adjourn.
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 6:30 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Johnson, Councilors Spencer, Betts, Grotting and McCoy  
**ABSENT:** City Attorney Vose  
**STAFF:** City Administrator Kaltsas, City Administrative Assistant Horner, City Attorney David Biggerstaff  
**VISITORS:** Tom Blanck, Craig Olson, Anita Volkenant, Bob Volkenant, Bill and Sara Liska

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   a. Approval of the City Council minutes from the January 16, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.  
   b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 17727 – 17773.  
   c. Approval of Liquor License Renewal Applications for the following:  
      i. Ox Yolk Inn  
      ii. Windsong Golf Club  
      iii. Pioneer Creek Golf Course

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

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

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

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**
- Planning Commission Meeting
- Delano Sportsmen’s Club
- Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Meeting
- Experienced Officials Conference
- Met with Larry Ende from Public Works
Grotting attended the following meetings:
- Several meetings from LMCC

McCoy attended the following meetings:
- Planning Commission Meeting
- Maple Plain Fire Department Awards Banquet

Betts attended the following meetings:
- Police Commission Meeting
- Experienced Officials Conference
- Maple Plain Fire Department Awards Banquet

Johnson attended the following meetings:
- Community Action Partnership Hennepin County Finance Meeting
- Sensible Land Use Coalition Meeting
- Met Council Land Use Advisory Meeting
- Police Commission Meeting
- Convention Conference Call
- Met Council 50th Anniversary Party
- Community Action Partnership Hennepin County Board Meeting
- Experienced Officials Conference
- Met with Loretto staff and Met Council about sewer plans
- Maple Plain Fire Department Awards Banquet
- Orono Dreamers Event at the Wayzata Country Club
- Hennepin County Healthy Community Meeting
- Met Council Representatives Meeting
- Planning Commission Meeting

Horner attended the following meetings:
- Planning Commission Meeting

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

7. William and Sara Liska (Applicants/Owner) request that the City consider the following action for the property located at 6926 Pagenkopf Road (PID No. 15-118-24-31-0001) in Independence, MN:

   a. RESOLUTION NO. 18-0205-01 – Consideration of a variance to allow a reduced front yard setback for the construction of a new home.

Kaltsas said the applicant currently lives in the existing home on the subject property. The applicant contacted the City several months ago pertaining to the possibility of razing the existing home and constructing a new home on the subject property. The applicant would like to locate the new home in the same general location of the existing house. The existing home does not meet the applicable front yard setback from Pagenkopf Road. The applicant is proposing to maintain a similar front yard setback to the existing home. There are several existing conditions of the property that potentially restrict the ability to locate the new home on the property in a manner that meets the requisite front yard setback. There are three existing detached
accessory buildings located on the property that are going to remain. A new septic field was recently installed on the property and there are a handful of existing mature trees surrounding the existing home. The existing conditions of the property and proximity of the existing buildings and septic field, limit the available locations for a new home to be constructed on the property. The septic system was recently installed is fully compliant and will allow the construction of the proposed home.

Consideration of the criteria for granting a variance:

a. The applicant is proposing to use the property in a manner consistent with the Agriculture District. The property is wooded and positioned in a way that would reduce the impact of the proposed setback reduction.

b. The character of the surrounding area is rural residential/-agriculture.

c. The proposed variance to allow a new residential structure on this property is in keeping with the City’s comprehensive plan.

d. The applicant is proposing to locate the new home in the same general location of the existing home and no closer to the Pagenkopf Road.

e. The existing buildings will remain on the property and limit the ability of a new home to be “pushed back” on the subject property.

f. There are several large existing mature trees that will be saved on the property. The location of these trees and the proximity of the trees to the existing buildings could limit the potential location of a new home.

g. The homes on either side of this property meet the requisite front yard setback. Due to the distance between the homes and the existing vegetation, there does not appear to be a “relationship” between the home on this property and the surrounding properties.

h. The proposed home will meet all other requisite setbacks for this property.

Commissioners discussed the request for a reduced front yard setback variance. Commissioners asked about the amount of upland acreage. It was noted that there was approximately two upland acres. Commissioners sked if there was a city process relating to the updated septic field. Staff noted that there was a review process and the new system was permitted by the City. Commissioners asked if the existing home was built prior to the adoption of the current setbacks and it was noted that the existing home was in fact constructed prior to the adoption of any City ordinances. Commissioners asked if other homes on Pagenkopf or nearby had the same or similar setbacks as the subject property. Staff noted that an analysis of other applicable homes found that the majority complied with the prescribed setbacks; however, many were more recently constructed than the subject property. The applicant noted that the original part of his home was built in 1928 and the surrounding homes had been built in the 1970’s. Ultimately Commissioners recommended approval of the requested variance with findings and conditions.

Planning Commissioners recommended approval of the requested variances with the following findings and conditions:

1. The proposed Variance meets all applicable conditions and restrictions stated in Chapter V, Section
520.19, Procedures on variances, in the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance.

2. The Planning Commission made the following findings of fact pertaining to the requested variance:

   a. The applicant is proposing to use the property in a manner consistent with the Agriculture District. The property is wooded and positioned in a way that will mitigate the impact of the proposed setback reduction.

   b. The character of the surrounding area is rural residential/agriculture.

   c. The proposed variance to allow a new residential structure on this property is in keeping with the City’s comprehensive plan.

   d. The applicant is proposing to locate the new home in the same general location of the existing home and no closer to the Pagenkopf Road. The existing buildings will remain on the property and limit the ability of a new home to be “pushed back” on the subject property.

   f. There are several large existing mature trees that will be saved on the property. The location of these trees and the proximity of the trees to the existing buildings could limit the potential location of a new home.

3. The requested variance will allow the construction of the new home in accordance with the approved plans only (plans will become an exhibit of the resolution). The variance shall be as follows:
   a. Front Yard: 26.9 feet

4. The Applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the City’s review and recording of the requested variance.

5. Any future improvements or expansion of the new home will need to be in compliance with all applicable standards relating to the Agriculture zoning district.

Motion by McCoy, second by Spencer to approve Resolution No. 18-0205-01 – variance to allow a reduced front yard setback for the construction of a new home for the property located at 6926 Pagenkopf Road (PID No. 15-118-24-31-0001) in Independence, MN. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. Thomas and Kristen Blanck (Applicant) and Reed Palo Representative of Owner (Owner) request that the City consider the following action for the properties located at 5010 S. Lakeshore Dr. and 4986 S. Lakeshore Dr. (PID No.s 24-118-24-12-0006 and 24-118-24-12-0007) in Independence, MN:

   d. RESOLUTION NO. 18-0205-02 – Consideration of a lot line rearrangement which would move the existing lot line between the two properties.

The applicant is seeking a minor subdivision to allow a lot line rearrangement that would expand the 5010 property by approximately 1,914 SF and reduce the 4986 property by the same. The southern property line would move approximately 27 feet to the south and run parallel to the existing property. The additional acreage will provide the owner of the 5010 property the use of the area just to the south of the existing detached garage. Both lots are considered legal non-conforming lots of record in the City. The minimum lot size for Shoreland properties is one acre. The existing detached garage on the 5010 property does not currently meet applicable setbacks in the before or after conditions. The after condition does provide
additional setback for the detached garage. The 4986 property does not have any structures. The owner of the 4986 property also owns the property to the east with an existing home.

Staff has reviewed the request and offers the following information for consideration by the Planning Commission:

1. The lot line rearrangement does not appear to impact either property or create any additional non-conformities.

2. The legal non-conforming status of both properties does not change in the before or after conditions.

3. The setbacks of the existing structures on the 5010 property do not become conforming in the after condition; however, they are arguably made better.

4. The existing home on the 5010 property is connected to City sewer.

5. The 4986 property can connect to the sewer if developed in the future. Planning Commissioners discussed the request for a lot line rearrangement and asked questions of staff and the petitioner.

Commissioners asked if there was any discussion around a possible expansion of the existing garage. Staff noted that it would likely require a variance if they were going to do that in the future. Commissioners noted that regardless of where the lot line moved, any changes to the existing buildings would have to come before the Planning Commission and Council. Commissioners asked the applicant why they were applying for the variance. The applicant noted that the proposed lot line followed the natural flow and historic use of the lot and that the rearrangement would memorialize the use. Commissioners found that the request for a minor subdivision meets the requirements and recommended approval to the City Council with findings and conditions. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the requested minor subdivision to allow a lot line rearrangement with the following findings and conditions:

1. The proposed minor subdivision to allow a lot line rearrangement request meets all applicable conditions and restrictions stated Chapter V, Sections 500 and 510, Planning and Land Use Regulations and Zoning, in the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance.

2. The Applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the City’s review of the requested minor subdivision.

3. The Applicant shall record the subdivision and City Council Resolution with the county within six (6) months of approval.

Johnson asked if this had always been a separate lot. Kaltsas said that as far as he can determine this was always a lot of record. He said there is a creek that runs under the driveway and the road.

Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy RESOLUTION NO. 18-0205-02 – Consideration of a lot line rearrangement which would move the existing lot line between the two properties located at 5010 S. Lakeshore Dr. and 4986 S. Lakeshore Dr. (PID No.s 24-118-24-12-0006 and 24-118-24-12-0007) in Independence, MN. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.
9. Bellissimo Farms, LLC (Applicant/Owner) requests that the City consider the following action for the property located at 7220 Turner Road (PID No. 28-118-14-0006) in Independence, MN:

   a. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-0205-03** – Consideration of a conditional use permit to allow a commercial riding stable on the subject property.

   Kaltsas said the applicant currently has an existing home with large barn and indoor riding arena on the subject property. The applicant uses the property as a private horse farm for their own horses. Several months ago, the applicant inquired about the possibility of boarding several horses on the property in addition to their own. The applicant is now asking the City to consider granting a conditional use permit for a commercial riding stable that would allow the boarding of 4 horses on the property in addition to the owner’s horses. The horses to be boarded would be housed inside the existing stable located on the property.

   The existing horse barn has seven (7) heated stalls. The applicant is proposing to have no more than 3 boarders with four collective horses boarded on the property at any time. Access to the property for the boarders would be permitted only between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm daily. There will continue to be deliveries for shavings and feed brought to the property on an as needed basis. Manure is currently contained on the property and spread as needed on the pasture areas. The applicant does not believe that the additional 4 horses would change the number or frequency of deliveries to the property or frequency or operation of the manure spreading. In addition to the general boarding and riding of the horses on the property, the applicant is seeking approval to host up to four (4) riding clinics on the property. The clinics would be limited to no more than 10 participants and would provide additional education, safety and training to horse enthusiasts. The clinics would be held within the hours of operation of the facility. Commercial riding stables are a conditional use in the Agriculture zoning district. The subject property is zoned Agriculture. The City generally allows 1 animal unit on the first two acres and then 1 additional animal unit for each additional acre of property. The subject property is comprised of approximately 21.46 acres. Of the 21 acres, approximately 19 acres is useable upland. Applying the City’s typical standard, the site would accommodate 20 animals using the gross acreage or 18 animals using the upland acreage. The City has historically required that the applicants maintain a manure management plan, maintain all applicable permits relating to the management of manure on this property and maintain 1/3 acre of open space per animal unit. The four (4) commercially boarded horses proposed by the applicant would fit within the allowable number of animal units on the property.

   The criteria for granting a conditional use permit are clearly delineated in the City’s Zoning Ordinance (Section 520.11 subd. 1, a-i) as follows:

   1. The conditional use will not adversely affect the health, safety, morals and general welfare of occupants of surrounding lands.

   2. The proposed use will not have a detrimental effect on the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the proposes already permitted or on the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.

   3. Existing roads and proposed access roads will be adequate to accommodate anticipated traffic.
4. Sufficient off-street parking and loading space will be provided to serve the proposed use.

5. The proposed conditional use can be adequately serviced by public utilities or on-site sewage treatment, and sufficient area of suitable soils for on-site sewage treatment is available to protect the city from pollution hazards.

6. The proposal includes adequate provision for protection of natural drainage systems, natural topography, tree growth, water courses, wetlands, historic sites and similar ecological and environmental features.

7. The proposal includes adequate measures to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, or vibration so that none of these will constitute a nuisance.

8. The proposed condition use is consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Independence.

10. The proposed use will not stimulate growth incompatible with prevailing density standards.

The City has visited the site and discussed the operation of the proposed commercial riding stable with the applicant. Given the location of the property off of Turner Road, the orientation of the buildings and their relationship to the surrounding properties, the relatively small number of horses in relation to the properties size and the existing use of the property as a private horse facility, it appears that the proposed application can be found to meet the requirements for granting a conditional use permit to allow a commercial riding stable.

Commissioners discussed the request for a conditional use permit to allow a commercial riding stable on the subject property and asked questions of staff and the applicant. Commissioners confirmed that the hours would be 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. year-round and not the summer only hours as noted in the report. Commissioners asked if there would have to be a manure management plan if it was a private operation. Staff noted that the City typically imposes additional criteria for manure management when dealing with conditional use permits. Commissioners asked if a condition could be added that stipulated the location where they could spread the manure. Staff said that the City could impose such a condition and noted that an exhibit could be included with the resolution. Commissioners asked how the clinics would be set up and run by the applicant. The applicant said she would typically host one-day clinics. Commissioners noted that they were not overly concerned about the limited number of training clinics but recommended adding a condition that would limit them to no more than 3 days per clinic. The applicant agreed to this condition. Commissioners ultimately found the application to meet the criteria for granting a conditional use permit and recommended approval to the City Council with findings and conditions. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request for a conditional use permit with the following findings and conditions:

1. The proposed conditional use permit request meets all applicable conditions and restrictions stated in Chapter V, Section 510, Zoning, in the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance.

2. The conditional use permit will include the following conditions:

   a) The conditional use permit will be reviewed annually by the City to ensure conformance with the conditions set forth in the resolution.
b) Any new signage shall comply with all applicable standards of the City’s ordinance.

c) No more than 4 horses shall be commercially boarded on the property.

d) The applicant and facility must operate in compliance with manure management permit from MPCA. A copy of the valid MPCA permit is to be attached to and become a part of the conditional use permit. The applicant may spread the manure on the subject property in accordance with all applicable laws and standards and shall limit spreading to those areas shown on attached Exhibit B.

e) A minimum of 1/3 acre or green covered open space, excluding wetland, is required within the horse facility, for each horse allowed by this permit. Grass shall be maintained and be the primary groundcover in all pasture areas. The hours of operation are: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm year-round.

g) Four (4) horse training clinics will be permitted per year and shall comply with the following provisions:
   □ The horse clinics shall occur during the permitted hours of operation.
   □ The duration of each clinic shall not exceed three (3) days in length.
   □ No more than 10 participants shall be permitted at each clinic.

h) No renting of hack horses.

i) No riding on adjacent private land unless authorized by owners.

j) No parking on public roads.

k) Utilize appropriate management practices to control flies and odor.

l) No future expansion of the barn and riding arena shall be permitted on the property without the further review and approval by the City through the conditional use permit amendment process.

m) The applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the review and recording of the resolution.

Kaltsas noted there would be no more than 4 clinics per year and most likely 3 days clinics. Johnson asked if the building would be to code for public use as that has been a problem with other horse properties in the past. Kaltsas said the building will meet all code requirements for public activity.

Motion by Betts, second by Grotting to approve RESOLUTION NO. 18-0205-03 – conditional use permit to allow a commercial riding stable on the subject property for the property located at 7220 Turner Road (PID No. 28-118-24-14-0006) in Independence, MN: Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. Discussion Relating to Loretto Sewer Connection.

a. Presentation of information pertaining to possible Loretto sewer connection into the City’s current sewer line on CSAH 11 and CSAH 29.

Kaltsas stated Council has been previously presented with information relating to possibility of the City of Loretto connecting into the City’s existing sanitary sewer force main located adjacent to County Road 19. The City has continued to have conversations with the cities of Loretto and Medina as well as the Metropolitan
Council relating to this possible connection. The connection would allow Loretto to connect into the regional waste water system operated by the Metropolitan Council and close off the discharge from their current City owned waste water treatment plant. The possibility of this connection was precipitated by the need for Loretto to comply with the MNPCA’s discharge criteria for their current wastewater treatment plant. Loretto currently has until the end of 2020 to comply with the MNPCA discharge criteria.

The possible connection would be made to the existing 6” Independence sanitary sewer force main near the intersection of County Road 11 and County Road 19 (see image below). The City owns this force main which carries all sanitary sewer from the north side of Independence as well as Greenfields connections around Lake Sarah. This sanitary sewer connects into the jointly owned (Medina, Independence, Greenfield) sanitary sewer lift station (Medina LS-1) in Medina. The sanitary sewer flows from this lift station, south on County Road 19, across Highway 12 and eventually into the Metropolitan Council’s regional lift station (L-63) in the Maple Plain industrial park. Metropolitan Council is planning on upgrading this regional lift station to accommodate peak flow events that currently over tax the existing lift station. The Metropolitan Council has explored the potential and effects of accepting the Loretto sanitary sewer into LS-63. The Metropolitan Council believes that accepting the Loretto sewer into the existing system is feasible. As a result of the Loretto connection, the Metropolitan Council has prepared an outline of a two-phased approach to developing a new regional collection system which would serve the communities of Medina, Loretto and Independence (Greenfield would also be connected, but does not have any growth potential).

**Phase 1:**
1. Loretto would connect into the City of Independence sanitary sewer force main before the end of 2020.

2. Metropolitan Council will upgrade LS-63 to accommodate the flow from Loretto as well as to ensure that the lift station can accommodate some new growth in Independence and Medina.

3. Metropolitan Council will reimburse the cities of Medina and Independence for the operation and maintenance of the existing sanitary sewer pipes and the Medina LS-1. Metropolitan Council has estimated an annual payment to the City of Independence of $2,000.

4. Metropolitan Council will take over liability (will reimburse the cities of Independence and Medina for any repairs or replacements to the existing sanitary sewer and lift station.

5. Metropolitan Council will reimburse Medina for the recently installed permanent generator located at Medina LS-1 (Independence and Greenfield would otherwise be responsible for their prescribed share of the generator costs).

6. Metropolitan Council would replace and relocate the sanitary sewer line that serves Sycamore Ln. (Independence and Greenfield could be responsible for their prescribed share of the replacement costs).

7. Metropolitan Council will install a new flow meter on Independence pump station PS-5. This will eventually allow the City of Independence to become eligible for the I&I grant program administered by the Metropolitan Council.

8. Metropolitan Council will provide some matching funds to Independence for I&I repairs.
9. Metropolitan Council will replace the existing pumps and impellers in Independence PS-5. This would be done to ensure that Independence does not incur costs associated with the connection to our force main by Loretto.

10. This would also ensure that the pump station can pump against the new flow added to the connection point in the force main.

11. Metropolitan Council will make upgrades to the capacity of the sanitary sewer to accommodate growth approved through Comprehensive Plan amendments.

12. Loretto will reimburse the City for all soft costs associated with Independence reviewing, studying and analyzing the connection request.

**Phase 2:**
Metropolitan Council will take over ownership of the existing system and incorporate it into the regional system. The City of Independence will connect into the existing regional system. This connection will likely be into the new lift station that will be constructed by Loretto near their existing treatment plant. There are several considerations and key points that should be noted by the City.

1. The City’s existing force main has a maximum physical capacity. The existing and projected flows generated by Independence only utilize a small percentage of the total physical capacity of the 6” force main. The total physical capacity is estimated to be 529 gallons per minute (gpm).

   a. Current usage is based on approximately 250 residential equivalent connections: Independence (includes Greenfield) **198 gallons per minute**

   b. Loretto estimated usage would be: **77 gallons per minute**

   c. Remaining capacity: **254 gallons per minute**

2. The aforementioned flows are based on the physical capacity of the 6” force main and not reflective of the downstream limitations that likely occur in the existing system. In addition, the numbers above are not reflective of the City’s approved comprehensive plan and Tri-City Agreement.

3. Based on the physical capacity, the City could accommodate the Loretto connection and still have the ability to add approximately 250 additional units into the existing 6” force main.

4. The current Tri-City Agreement limits the number of residential equivalent connections from Greenfield and Independence into the 6” force main to 305.

5. Loretto has recently prepared a second option that would consist of the construction of a new 6” force main that would be installed adjacent to the Independence force main along County Road 19. The new force main would connect directly into the Medina LS-1. The cost for constructing their own force main is greater than the cost for connecting into the City of Independence force main.

Staff is seeking general discussion and direction pertaining to the City of Independences willingness to allow Loretto to connect to the existing 6” sanitary sewer force main. At this time, Council is not being asked to make a formal decision, but rather to have a general discussion relating to the pros and cons of
allowing the Loretto connection. One component of the discussion will be relating to whether or not the City would seek any additional connection fee outside of the general soft cost reimbursement.

Kaltsas said that there would be a more sophisticated flow meter put in place that could allow remote monitoring of the sewer flow. He noted that the upgrade would also make the City eligible for I & I grants that we are not eligible for currently. Kaltsas said the connection would be south of town by Sycamore Trail. Betts noted there were a lot of positive aspects to the project. Biggerstaff said it was common to have municipalities hooking up. Kaltsas said we would maintain our capacity. Johnson said Loretto is pretty well filled up.

Johnson said we want to be good neighbors and don’t want to ask too much that would prohibit them from hooking up. Spencer said it will help with the water quality of Lake Independence. Kaltsas said the new connection would come with a state-of-the-art monitoring system.

Volkenant asked if the discussed development on Perkinsville Road would be affected by this sewer line change. Kaltsas said that line has significant capacity already so a development of that scope would not affect it. McCoy said he supports the effort as long as we cover our soft costs and don’t gouge them. Johnson noted the Medina station has always been very costly for us.


Spencer said the Delano Sportsman Club is in the process of seeking Wright County’s approval for the expansion of their existing gun range located in the northwest corner of Independence. The existing range is located wholly within the City of Independence; however, the club is looking to expand into the portion of the property that is located within Wright County. The expansion would help to accommodate local high school trap teams as well as the current membership. The club has asked the City of Independence if it would provide a letter of support for the expansion based on the historic use of the property and general compliance with applicable standards.

Spencer said Rockford High School trap team may be interested in using the facility as well. Johnson noted West Hennepin Public Safety uses this facility for training as well as being used by Three Rivers Park District too. Johnson suggested a letter of support be crafted by Spencer and Kaltsas.

Motion by Johnson, second by McCoy to approve a letter of support regarding the expansion of the Delano Sportsmen’s Club. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

3. Open/Misc.

4. Adjourn.

Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Gronstal/Recording Secretary
MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL AND MAPLE PLAIN CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a joint meeting of the Independence City Council and Maple Plain City Council was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 5:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Marvin Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Independence Mayor Johnson, Independence Councilors Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Maple Plain Councilors Cahill and Fay. Maple Plain Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske arrived late at 5:45 p.m.

ABSENT: Maple Plain Councilor Deluca and Broda.

STAFF: Independence City Administrator and City Planner Kaltsas, and Administrative Assistant Horner. Maple Plain City Administrator Schoen and WHPS Director Kroells

VISITORS: Family and Friends of Office Cody Thompson

4. WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR GARY KROELLS INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION.

a. Swearing-in of Officer Cody Thompson.

Kroells thanked all present. He stated hiring Officer Cody Thompson was not a simple process. He officially started February 1, 2017. Kroells said it is an honor to welcome the newest member to the police department. He noted staff is the most valuable resource at West Hennepin Public Safety. Kroells stated the department works as a team and supports each other through ongoing training. He noted candidates are selected by staff and City Council after careful consideration. Kroells noted the mission statement of West Hennepin Public Safety is to serve the citizens of Independence and Maple Plain with professionalism and compassion. He said the officers are extraordinary and do have compassion in difficult situations. Kroells noted the core values that serve as a foundation and form the basis of all functions of West Hennepin Public Safety as we fulfill our mission:

- Honor
- Courage
- Common Sense
- Respect & Dignity
- Loyalty
- Fairness
- Trust

Kroells discussed the lengthy interview process and background checks candidates are vetted through. He said it took four months to complete this process with Thompson. Kroells then introduced Officer Cody Thompson and his family members.

Officer Thompson graduated from Buffalo High School, then went on to get his degree in Criminal Justice from Alexandria Technical College. He lives in Franklin Township with his wife Kelly and their three boys Parker, Nash and Brooks.
Kroells led the oath of office and Officer Thompson was officially sworn in as a West Hennepin Public Safety Officer. Sergeant Dennison performed the badge ceremony and presented his badge to Kelly Thompson. She pinned it on with the support of Parker, Nash and Brooks.

Kroells thanked everyone for coming out for this special celebration. Mayor Maas-Kusske said it was an honor to be at the meeting on behalf of the residents of Maple Plain and a joy to take part in this swearing in ceremony. On behalf of the City of Independence and Maple Plain she thanked the Officers for their service and dedication to the two cities.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Maas-Kusske to adjourn the Joint Council Meeting at 5:50 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Grotting, McCoy, Spencer, Maas-Kusske, Cahill, and Fay. Absent: DeLuca and Broda. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Horner, Recording Secretary
February 20, 2018

To whom it may concern,

This letter is submitted in support of the proposed construction of an expanded trap shooting facility in Wright County / Franklin Township by the Delano Sportsmen’s Club (DSC) on property owned by the DSC adjacent to their current facilities.

The existing DSC range and clubhouse has resided in the City of Independence for over 50 years. In that time the DSC has served not only its membership, but also the neighboring communities by providing a safe, centrally located facility for the training of thousands of youth and law enforcement personnel. The Club’s range facilities are regularly used by Firearms safety instructors holding classes in Rockford, Orono, Medina, Delano, and Independence. The Sportsmen’s Club has conducted a firearms safety class for area youth annually since 1955. The DSC makes its facilities available for training and certification of public safety officers from Medina, Independence, Maple Plain, Deephaven, Three Rivers Park District, West Metro SWAT, and Federal agencies. The club’s range is home for Three Rivers park’s firearms safety /hunter education camps which, partnered with MN Waterfowl, MNDNR, MN Deer Hunters Assn, Pheasants Forever, and the Wild Turkey federation, has certified over 500 youth in recent summers. For many years its clubhouse has hosted Boy Scout troops from Delano and Plymouth and is the current host for the Delano Lions Club’s monthly meetings.

In spring 2014 the DSC opened its aging single trap range to the newly formed Delano High School trap team under the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League. Originally constructed in 1985, the single trap range is adequate to serve DSC members but is far from ideal for High School teams and the 60-90 DHS youth who participate in this fast growing school sport each season. The club owned, level and unobstructed ag property immediately west of its current range just across the county line in Wright County is an ideal location for a new trap facility with 3 parallel trap houses and a shelter. This more typical trap range design (similar to the facility in Buffalo MN on Highway 55 just south of Bentfield Mills park) will be significantly safer for competitors, offer better shooting sightlines, and more efficiently support the continued use by our area High School teams.

The City of Independence recognizes the long history of community service by the Delano Sportsmen’s Club and its members. We applaud their continued willingness to support and host the students in the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League. Their proposal to now improve and expand their facilities for the benefit of our area youth is further evidence of the DSC’s commitment to serve its community well beyond its own membership.

Marvin Johnson, Mayor

Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Date: February 2, 2018

To: Public Safety Commissioners
   City of Independence Council Members
   City of Maple Plain Council Members

From: Director Gary Kroells

SUBJECT: JANUARY 2018 ACTIVITY REPORT

The purpose of this report is to give the reader a quick overview of the activities of the Public Safety Department each month. It also compares monthly and year-to-date information to the reader.

The report is broken down into five categories, as defined by the Criminal Justice Reporting System.

CRIMINAL-- Criminal is broken down into Part I and Part II crimes.

Part I includes crimes against persons versus crimes against property; criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery assault, aggravated assault, burglary -breaking or entering, larceny-theft, larceny analysis, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Part II includes other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, buying, receiving, possession; vandalism, weapons, carrying, possessing, etc.; prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses; drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor laws, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, all other offenses, suspicion, curfew and loitering laws - persons under 18; and runaways - persons under 18.

TRAFFIC-- Includes violations of the road and driving laws.

PART III-- Lost and Found: Includes lost and found persons, animals, and property, and stalled and abandoned vehicles.

PART IV-- Casualties: Includes all motor vehicle accidents, boating, and snowmobile; public home occupational accidents, fires, suicides, sudden deaths, burning permits, and burning violations.

PART V-- Miscellaneous Public: Includes open doors, gun permit applications, suspicious activities, animal complaints, motorist assists, alarm calls, parking complaints, house checks, driving complaints, civil matters, family disputes, department assists.

The balance of the report shows the total number of incidents handled, miles driven and how the Public Safety Department received calls. If anyone should desire more detailed statistical data, please contact my office.

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## Monthly Activity Report
### January 2018

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At the end of January 31st, 2018 West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled a total of 516 incident complaints, 202 in Maple Plain and 283 in Independence.

The Criminal Part I and Part II cases for both cities have been highlighted for your review on the attached documents.

**Recent Highlighted Cases:**

**Domestic**

**Jan 1** 5000 Main Street, Maple Plain. Police dispatched to a domestic and found both boyfriend and girlfriend intoxicated. The boyfriend stated he was drunk and arguing and called police before he did something stupid. Neither persons wanted anything done and both agreed to separate for the night and sober up.

**Missing Person**

**Jan 2** 5900 Three Oaks Ave. Maple Plain. Caller reported her father did not show up at her residence in Rockford to help her with frozen pipes. He was not answering his cell phone and wanted WHPS to check her father’s home in Maple Plain. Police located the father at his residence in Maple Plain. He explained had left his cell phone at work, went to his daughters residence and since his daughter was not there, he fixed on the frozen pipes and came home. All was okay with the father.

**Crash/PD**

**Jan 2** Hwy 12/ Baker Park Rd, Maple Plain. Driver stated traffic was stopping; he locked up the brakes and rear-ended a vehicle directly ahead of him. Driver was issued a citation for Failure to Drive with Due Care.

**Domestic**

**Jan 3** 5200 Bryantwood Dr. Maple Plain. Police dispatched for a physical domestic. Father reported his 23 year old daughter was intoxicated and causing problems. Police arrived and father stated that things had calmed down. The daughter stated her grandmother had just died, her father was being insensitive which started the fight and she just wanted to go to bed and things would be fine. Father would not provide details about the domestic and Police did not observe any injuries or signs of a struggle. Father was leaving for work. He was not concerned things would flare up again and the daughter could stay at the residence if she calmed down and went to bed.

**Crash**

**Jan 3** Highway 12 / CR 90, Independence. W/B vehicle on Highway 12 turning to go s/b on CR 90 was struck by another w/b vehicle as it was turning. Driver of striking vehicle thought the vehicle was crossing Highway 12 but was not sure and struck the rear quarter panel of the turning vehicle. Striking vehicle had heavy front end damage and was towed from the scene. No injuries.

**DUI**

**Jan 4** Traffic complaint a vehicle w/b on Highway 12 from CR 6, Independence. Police located the vehicle weaving all over the road, crossed double yellow line nearly causing a head on crash before it was stopped. Driver Timothy Lynn Vergin, 55 from Buffalo, stated he was a little bit in a hurry to get home to have dinner with his wife. Vergin submitted a breath test which resulted in .12 Breath Alcohol Concentration. Vergin was arrested for 4th Degree DWI and released to his wife.
Civil
Jan 5
5300 Sunset Lane, Independence. Complaint of ground stakes blocking the road right of way. Police found the stakes were placed there for snowmobile safety concerns surrounding the culvert.

Welfare Check
Jan 5
900 block CR 92, Independence. Homeowner requested a check on his dad who was home alone and he could not see him on the security camera. Police found the dad had fallen, had a small cut and determined he did not need to be transported to the hospital. Homeowner was advised of his dad’s status.

Road Debris
Jan 6
Police found a recycling bin on its side and contents all over the road and ditch of Becker Rd / Pagenkopf Rd, Independence. It appeared someone grabbed the can from the end of the driveway and drove down the road while holding it out the window. Police picked up the garbage.

Dumping Complaint
Jan 8
5200 Bryantwood Dr Maple Plain. Complaint reported a vehicle backed up to the complex dumpster, emptied several bags of trash and was illegally dumping as did not believe they lived in the building. Police found the vehicle owner lived in the complex. No illegal dumping occurred.

Crash
Jan 8
Intersection of CR 6 /CR 83 / CR 110, Independence. Driver was e/b on CR 6 at CR 83 continued into the intersection and struck another vehicle that had already entered the intersection. Driver was issued citation for Fail to Yield. No injuries.

Civil Assist / Threat Report
Jan 9
5000 CR 11, Independence. Resident had a craigslist post and had provided the buyer with his address. Resident received a bizarre text message, with profanity and believed referenced a drug sale. Police attempted phone contact with the buyer but were unable to reach them. Police advised the resident to arrange a public meeting place to conduct sales to unknown persons in the future.

Internet Scam
Jan 9
1000 CR 83, Independence. Resident was playing a game on FB and a window popped up on his computer “Microsoft” needed to contact him to renew his antivirus software. Resident spoke with a male who claimed to be from Microsoft and gave him access to his computer. Resident was skeptical and called Police. Police advised him to discontinue interaction with the person, shut down his computer as they use the antivirus downloading as a front while they download all personal files from his computer to get his info on finances. Police advised to have his computer looked at before starting up again.

Suspicious Activity
Jan 9
2000 Independence Rd, Independence. Caller reported 2 people hiding behind an orange sled and two buckets, thought they were skipping school or hunting. Police checked the area and did not locate sled, buckets or persons.

Burglary
Jan 9
5000 Pioneer Creek Dr., Maple Plain. Business reported cash box and money was missing from the evening prior. Case is under investigation.

Traffic Complaint
Jan 10
Baker Park Rd / Hwy 12, Maple Plain Traffic complaint of vehicle passing on the shoulder of the roadway. Police contact with the driver who stated he pulled to the shoulder because he was having car troubles, tried to return into the traffic lane and no one would let him. He had to drive on the shoulder. He was advised to be more courteous when driving and pay attention.
Medical
Jan 12 1500 Wyman Ave, Maple Plain. Reported a male was threatening to commit suicide, was upset with his wife’s struggle with ailments and his pain from a recent fractured shoulder. He was transported to the hospital.

Escort
Jan 12 11:14 p.m. Baker Park Rd / Hwy 12, Maple Plain. Pregnant female was waiting outside of a business for her ride to arrive. Her boyfriend was supposed to be picking her up and he was drinking somewhere and she could not get a hold of him. Police offered to give her a ride to her apartment, she accepted. Weather was -7 degrees and very cold wind chill.

School Bus Stop Arm Violation Add in 18000364
Jan 12 5000 Main Street E, Maple Plain. First Student bus driver reported the bus was stopped on Main Street E, Maple Plain, dropping off 2 students. The bus stop arm was out, flashing red lights activated, the school bus door open and students were about to walk off the bus when a Chevy Impala passed the bus on the right side of the bus where students were going to exit. The bus driver described the vehicle, gave the license plate # and description of the male driver. Police investigation located the vehicle at a business in Hamel with the suspected male driver matching the physical description given sitting inside the suspect vehicle. The 40 year old male from Glencoe recalled the incident and admitted to passing the school bus on the right side. He saw the stop arms out with the flashing red lights. He didn’t think he would be able to stop as he has a hole in his brake line. Charges pending for School Bus Stop Arm violation.

Suicidal
Jan 13 5200 Bryantwood Dr., Maple Plain. Suicidal male was upset how his wife was treating him and his relationship with another woman and he got sick of it. He admitted to taking an unloaded hand gun, putting it to his head and pulling the trigger multiple times. Told his child say goodbye to Dad and stated he was going to kill himself. He was transported to the hospital and Hennepin County Child Protection notified of the incident. Criminal charges pending for child endangerment.

On January 24th the male was arrested for a Hennepin County Warrant for Gross Misdemeanor Child Endangerment. Police transported him to HC Jail.

Property Damage
Jan 15 5:34 a.m. CR 92 / Highway 12, Independence. Driver was e/b Highway 12 and lost control, striking the guard rail and then propelled across the Highway into the North ditch. The road was very icy and conditions were a factor. Driver was not injured and her father responded and picked her up. Vehicle was towed.

Vehicle in Ditch
Jan 15 6:19 a.m. Hwy 12/ CR 92S, Independence. Driver was e/b Highway 12, stated several vehicles attempted to stop and slow quickly causing her to brake quickly and she lost control due to icy road conditions. Vehicle was towed from the ditch, no injuries.

Vehicle in Ditch
Jan 15 6:20 a.m. Highway 12/ Mudd Lake, Independence. Driver lost control due to slippery road conditions and ended up in the ditch. She was ok and had arranged for a tow.

Crash
Jan 15 7:25 a.m. 6400 Highway 12, Independence. Driver was w/b Highway 12 when he lost control due to icy road conditions. His vehicle left the roadway to the north, then struck a wooden fence and a tree. Damage sustained to a boat and trailer which were parked inside the fenced area. The owner of the fence was notified of the damage. Boat and trailer approx. loss $1,000.00 and $800.00 for the fencing.
Vehicle in Ditch
Jan 15 1:09 p.m. Baker Park Rd / Perkinsville Rd, Independence. Reported vehicle in the ditch. Police arrival, the vehicle was gone, no property damage observed.

Vehicle in Ditch
Jan 15 6:09 p.m. CR 50 / County Line Rd, Independence. Vehicle was in the ditch due to poor road conditions. Juvenile male driver was unable to reach his parents as they were on an airplane and did not have anyone to call or enough money to pay for a tow. A few passerby’s stopped and helped push the vehicle out of the ditch.

Blocked Intersection
Jan 16 5000 Hwy 12, Maple Plain, Complainant reported snow piled high at the intersection at K-Bid prevented him from seeing w/b traffic on Hwy 12. Business was advised and would have their plow company deal with it.

Burglary
Jan 16 6200 Highway 12, Independence. Owner of Mini Storage reported 4 storage units had locks cut off or attempted to be cut. Contact with all tenants and at the time of report no items appear to have been taken. Hennepin County Crime Lab responded and photographed the scene and checked items for evidentiary value for further processing.

Crash / Arrest
Jan 16 CR 50 / County Line Rd, Independence. Driver was w/b on CR 50, went to turn left w/b on County Line Rd, the sun was in her eyes and she did not see another e/b vehicle approaching CR 50. She turned in front of the e/b vehicle, causing the vehicle to hit her vehicle. The driver, Melissa Franks 20 year old female from Delano was driving on a revoked license, unable to provide proof of insurance and she had an active Wright County Sheriff’s Office warrant for 5th Degree Drugs. Franks was placed under arrest and Wright County Sheriff’s Office took custody of her. Franks was issued a citation for DAR, No Proof of Insurance and Fail to Yield Right of Way.

Suspicious Vehicle
Jan 17 7:13 p.m. Reported a suspicious vehicle with the headlights on had been in the parking lot of the Maple Plain Family Center for over an hour. Police contact with the 31 year old female driver from Wayzata who had been sending text messages back and forth to her ex-boyfriend, arguing over some animals that were owned together. Everything was ok.

PD Crash/DWI Narcotics
Jan 18 Police responded to a vehicle crashed into a fence on CR 92 / Highway 12, Independence. The driver, Nicholas Lawrence Nystul, 18 from Rockford stated a deer ran out in front of his vehicle. Police observed the tracks where the vehicle had left the road and asked Nystul again what happened. Nystul then admitted to accelerating hard out of a curve, losing control of the vehicle, Nystul spoke quickly and repeatedly interrupted the Police. Police spoke again with Nystul who then admitted to smoking marijuana two hours earlier and admitted there was marijuana in the vehicle. Police observed sitting in plain view a green leafy substance which appeared to be marijuana sitting in plain view on the driver floor mat. Marijuana had an estimated weight of 1.25 grams. A series of roadside sobriety tests, DRE evaluation and admission of drug use Nystul was arrested for DWI Operating Vehicle under Controlled Substance. Criminal charges pending.

Suspicious Vehicle
Jan 18 3000 CR 90, Independence. Homeowner reported someone had rang the doorbell and now is sitting in their truck at the end of their driveway. Police contact with the male driver who stated he had a dry wall job and the homeowner said he was going to be late in meeting him. The driver was given the wrong address and was leaving to go to the correct address in Greenfield. Police confirmed his story, no criminal activity found.
Animal Welfare Check
Jan 19  1000 Three Oaks, Maple Plain. Caller reported a frozen chicken with its feet sticking up out of the snow. Police contact with the homeowner who advised several of his chickens were killed by a predator and the snow melt exposed a chicken he had forgotten about. The chicken no longer had a head, indicating a raccoon or weasel predator killed it as they only eat the head and leave the body.

Animal Complaint
Jan 19  1000 Rainbow Ave., Maple Plain. Homeowner reported a large rodent ran into her window well and is still there. Police found a young muskrat in the egress window well and put wood down the sides of the sill for the muskrat to climb out. Homeowner was advised to leave the muskrat alone and he will climb out and continue on his way. A vehicle search

Suspicious Act – Mail Theft
Jan 20  5000 Amy Lane, Maple Plain. Homeowner reported a black SUV pulled up to her mailbox and took her mail. Homeowner checked her mailbox and there was no mail and she always has mail. SUV was not located.

Motorist Assistance
Jan 20  4000 Lake Sarah Dr., Independence. Motorist at the gas station stated his vehicle wouldn’t start because the valet from earlier in the night forgot to give his key fob back. Police gave his wife a ride to their house to retrieve the spare key.

Suspicious Vehicle
Jan 22  Drake Street / Howard, Maple Plain. Caller reported a vehicle was observed driving slowly through the neighborhood and the driver approached at least one home. Police contact with the driver who was a sub-contractor looking for a job site address. Police confirmed the story and determined the driver was lost, no criminal activity was detected.

Property Damage – unfounded
Jan 22  5000 Pioneer Creek Dr. Maple Plain. Business reported weather stripping on their door was damaged; possibly from someone trying to break in. The door was checked and no damage was observed to indicate an attempted break-in. Possibly someone’s clothing caught it while they were exiting the door and it was pulled off.

Traffic Complaint
Jan 22  3:24 p.m. Heavy snowfall. Reported a vehicle was stuck in the parking lot of Northside Park, Maple Plain. Police contact with the driver, 21 yoa male from Maple Plain who stated he got stuck prior to wanting to play in the fresh snow. Driver was warned he should not be doing donuts in the parking lot.

PD Crash
Jan 22  6:22 p.m. 6000 CR 11, Independence. Motorist was driving too close to the center line, over corrected causing her to lose control and enter the ditch. The motorist thought she had struck another vehicle. A passerby had witnessed the vehicle go into the ditch and stopped to offer her help. Passerby did not see another vehicle the motorist would have struck nor found vehicle parts on the roadway. Vehicle was towed from the ditch.

Harassment
Jan 23  5000 Highway 12, Maple Plain Complainant reported receiving harassing texted phone messages and phone calls from her estranged husband. Complainant stated the unwanted phone calls and text messages have been going on since they separated but this is the first time she made a report. Police contacted him to cease all communications. The estranged husband stated they always talk and tonight she just changed her mind after they started talking. Complainant resides in Wright County and was advised to make a report there. Both were going to get Order for Protection against each other.
Attempt to Locate – Agency Assist
Jan 24 1300 CR 83, Independence. A plane took off from Stearns County and did not show up at its destination. Stearns County Sheriff’s Office requested assistance to check Independence airstrip. Police checked the airstrip, it had not been plowed, nothing found.

Civil Matter
Jan 27 2000 S. Lake Shore Dr, Independence. Male reported his mother and his sibling moved out of their house and thinks his dad is taking things out of the house and wanted to know if there was legal recourse. Advised it is a civil matter and to speak with his mother and their attorney.

Narcotics
Jan 27 11:38 p.m. Baker Park Rd, Maple Plain. Vehicle at the end of street with its headlights turned off. Police contact found three juveniles; Two 17 year old males one from Independence and other from Orono and 15 yoa male from Maple Plain who were ‘hanging out’. 17 yoa males were cited for possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and tobacco; parents were contacted and picked them up. 15 yoa male admitted smoking MJ earlier, was transported home and his mother took custody of him.

Unwanted Person
Jan 28 5200 Manchester Dr, Maple Plain. Manager reported a male had been observed drinking in the apartment parking lot. Previous day the male was in the common area of the complex, she identified herself as manager and the male told her to mind her business and refused to answer her. Police assisted in identifying him and the manager completed a trespassing notice prohibiting him from the premises.

Traffic Complaint
Jan 29 5000 CR 11, Independence. Motorists reported she was tailgated and as she was slowing down to turn into her driveway a vehicle behind her sped up and passed on the left in a no passing zone. Motorist followed the vehicle. Police contact with the driver who said the motorist was speeding up and slowing down, the turn signal was on and passed three driveways, she thought the motorist was impaired. The driver was advised of the complaint as the motorist wanted the driver to know her actions were dangerous.

Open Door
Jan 29 11:34 p.m. Police found an open door of a business in the 5000 Industrial St. Maple Plain. Premise was checked and no one was inside. Contact with the business owner who had a couple employees out plowing snow and confirmed the vehicle in the parking lot was an employee’s.

Medical
Jan 30 5000 Sunset Lane, Independence. Female was hearing voices and intentionally stabbed herself in the neck multiple times with a kitchen knife. She was transported to the hospital by ambulance on a welfare hold.

3rd Degree DWI
Jan 31 7:59 a.m. 4800 Perkinsville Rd, Maple Plain. Police dispatched from a homeowner who reported a vehicle was in the ditch. Driver Robert James Trudeau, 42 of Clay, MI was lost and while trying to turn around his truck and trailer got stuck. Trudeau submitted a breath test which resulted in .25 Breath Alcohol Concentration. Trudeau was arrested for 3rd Degree DWI and transported to HC Jail.

Property Damage Crash / Hit and Run
Jan 31 CR 6 / CR 83, Independence. Motorist reported a vehicle passed her w/b on CR 6 in a no passing zone, struck her vehicle, continued driving and she was following the truck. Police located the suspect vehicle CR 6 / Nelson Rd. Police contact with the driver who stated he had his music up loud, and did not feel a collision. MN State Crash report was written and a citation issued to the truck driver for Fail to Drive with Due Care.
City of Independence
Overview of 2017 Public Works Projects

To: City Council
From: Larry Ende, Public Works Director
Meeting Date: February 20, 2018

Discussion:
Public Works completed a wide array of projects in 2017. A brief summary and overview of projects completed in 2017 is highlighted below.

- **Purchases**
  - Sewer camera - for the purpose of televising sewer lines within the City.
  - ¾ GMC pick-up – to provide City with multi-purpose truck used for a variety of tasks.

- **Sewer System**
  - Camera – PW televised approximately 10,215 feet of gravity sewer line. Televising sewer lines allows the City to identify breaks and evaluate the current condition prior to problems occurring in the line.
  - Jett and clean - PW jetted and cleaned approximately 2,125 feet of 4” gravity lines.
  - Rebuilt Lift Station No. 4 Control Panel. The City has been able to upgrade the control panel in this lift station using recycled parts from another City. The net result is that the City is getting an updated panel at a significant savings.
  - Repaired 4 broken sewer lines that were discovered as a result of the sewer line televising.
  - Repaired and raised several manholes. The City has proactively been seeking sources of inflow and infiltration into the City’s sewer system. As a result, the City has found that a number of manholes are not properly sealed and or are too low in relation to the potential high-water level.
  - The City is working to digitally record and catalogue sewer flow data, maintenance logs and televising video files. This process will ultimately provide the City with easily searchable records, protected back up of important information and field access to data.
- **Culverts**
  - Replaced 18” culvert on Turner Road. The culvert was crushed and in need of replacement.
  - Replaced 24” culvert on Lake Sarah Heights Dr. This culvert was broken and mostly blocked. The cost for the replacement of this culvert was approximately $15,000.

- **Tiling Gravel Roads**
  - The City has been adding drain tile to gravel roads within the City in order to provide subsurface drainage of the roads base. Tiling reduces the effects of freezing and thawing that causes significant issues to gravel roads. The City ultimately benefits from the improved roads and reduced maintenance costs.
    - The City tiled Lake Sarah Road from County Road 11 to Fogelman Road, and approximately 1,000 feet of Fogelman Road east from Lake Sarah Road. Upon completion of the tiling, the City placed 2” of gravel over tiled portion of the road.

- **Asphalt Roads**
  - Chip Sealed - Deer Ridge Road, Drake Drive and Drake Circle.
  - Crack Sealed - all of the new roads that were overlaid in the 2015 asphalt project (note: all asphalt roads have been crack-sealed once).

- **Graveling Roads**
  - Over time, the amount of gravel on the City’s roads is reduced due to routine wear, grading and plowing. The City routinely adds gravel to City roads in order to maintain the roads integrity.
    - 3” of gravel was added to approximately 3,000 feet on Nelson Road.
    - Spot graveled many areas on city’s gravel roads.
    - Applied calcium chloride for dust control on most gravel roads.