

**COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, WISCONSIN
Meeting Minutes**

The Independence City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Mayor Baecker presided

Roll Call of Members

- Jason Ekern, Cleo Skroch, Randy Symicek, Deb Marsolek, Linda Longmore and Tim Hanson. Also present were, Attorney LaVerne Michalak, City Clerk Tiffany Bautch, Gareth Shambeau, Tim Lambrecht, Daniel Aryzer, Mike Blaha, Rita Boland, and Andrew Dannehy.

Proof of Giving Public Notice Given.

Approval of Agenda:

- Motion by Hanson and seconded by Symicek to approve agenda sent. Motion carried. 6-0

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Longmore and seconded by Marsolek to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 City Council minutes with corrections sent. Motion carried. 6-0

Public Comments:

- None to Report

Old Business:

- **Greenwood Cemetery**
 - None to Report
 - Review at February Meeting.
- **Dumpster Ordinance**
 - None to Report
 - Review at February Meeting.
- **Mainframe City Computer Upgrade**
 - No to Report

New Business:

- **Hi Crush Mining & Reclamation Permit Amendment**
 - Discussion was with representatives from Hi Crush about a reclamation project.
 - Motion by Symicek and seconded by Marsolek to develop for the City Council's consideration; a proposed revision to the mining and reclamation permits held by Hi- Crush Whitehall LLC which would allow for the temporary maintenance of existing improvements and deposits of materials for up to five years at the former processing site, while new owners develop the site for other uses. Motion Carried with Roll Call Vote, 6-0
 - Motion by the Mayor to appoint a Committee of Hanson, Marsolek, and Symicek to oversee and work with Hi Crush on the Hi Crush Reclamation Project.
- **Elk Rod & Gun Club**

- Request was made by Mike Blaha- President of Elk Rod & Gun Club to close 2nd Street and Jefferson Street from Thursday, February 1st – Sunday, February 4th for the Ice Fishing Contest Event.
- Walking paths must be made accessible for residents to get to and from their household during the street closure.
- Mayor Baecker also stated that a member of the Rod and Gun Club must personally speak to each property owner. The personal notification about what is going on goes a long way verses placing a letter on their door. He also told Mike Blaha, they must personally speak to each property owner and place a letter on the door. The Club needs to do both.
- Motion by Marsolek and seconded by Ekern to approve Rod and Gun Club to utilize the old Fire Station and closing of 2nd Street & Jefferson. Motion Carried with Roll Vote 6-0
- **Tri-R- Recycling Contract**
 - Discussion was had regarding the new contract presented.
 - Motion by Longmore and seconded by Hanson to approve the Recycling Contract as presented. Motion Carried with Roll Vote 4-2
- **City Security System/City Computer Update.**
 - Discussion was had on the three proposals presented by Access Security regarding the current City Hall security system.
 - Motion by Ekern and Seconded by Hanson to approve the proposal of \$3524.00 to Move the Video System, Add New DVR and 4 New Replacement Cameras. Funds are to be taken out of the Police Budget. Motion Carried with Roll Vote 6-0
- **Mayor Appointment of Interim Police Advisor**
 - Motion by Skroch and seconded by Hanson to approve the Mayor's appointment of Derrick Vold as Interim Police Advisor with a review in 9 weeks. Wage not to exceed \$31.50 per hour. Motion Carried with Roll Vote. 6-0
- **Licenses and Permits**
 - **Building Permit**
 - The following applications for Building Permits were presented to Council for approval:
 - **Todd Sylla- Steps into House**
 - Motion by Hanson and seconded by Longmore to approve application presented. Motion Carried, 6-0
 - **Picnic License**
 - The following Picnic License Application was presented to Council for approval:
 - **Elk Rod and Gun Club - Ice Fishing Contest**
 - Motion by Ekern and seconded by Skroch to approve application presented. Motion Carried, 6-0
 - **Bartenders License**
 - **Maria Mendoza Weaver- Dollar General**
 - Motion by Skroch and seconded by Ekern to approve the above application once the Police Department approves it. Motion Carried, 6-0
- **Committee Reports**

- **Library Committee**
 - Appreciate the waiving of utility charges in their budget.
 - When Slaby's come back in to review the final work of the AC in Library.
- **Personnel Committee**
 - Working on tentative Police schedule for the department until Interim Advisor begins employment.
 - Equipment turn in with Chad Halvorson was completed on 12/29/2023 which went well.
- **Ordinance Committee**
 - Committee recommends sending out a mailing in the Spring with updates on thing happening in the City.
- **Correspondence**
 - None to Report.
- **Approval of Invoices and Payroll**
 - Motion by Longmore seconded by Skroch to approve the bills as presented. Motion Carried on Roll Vote, 6-0
- **Dates for Next Meeting**
 - City Council Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.
 - **LEP Meeting: Thursday, January 4th at 4:00pm**
 - Interview Process for Chief of Police Position
 - Personnel Handbook
 - **Garbage Committee: Tuesday, January 9th at 4:00pm**
 - Discussion on Dumpster Ordinance
- **Items for Next Agenda**
 - Review and Possible Action: Greenwood Cemetery
 - Review and Possible Action: Dumpster Ordinance
 - Review and Possible Action: Block One Alley
 - Review and Possible Action: Lake Dredge
- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Tiffany Bautch, City Clerk