The Independence City Council met for a Regular Council Meeting, December 2, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Nancy Beaty, Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Mark's Catholic Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Don Reimal, Presiding Officer of the City Council, called the meeting to order. On roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: Councilmembers Chris Whiting, Marcie Gragg, Curt Dougherty, Roxann Thorley and Eileen Weir. Absent: Councilmember Schultz.

Councilmembers Whiting and Gragg moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings on November 4, 2013 and November 18, 2013. Councilmember Weir noted there were two minor corrections that were provided to the City Clerk. Upon vote, motion carried and minutes were approved as corrected.

Councilmembers Whiting and Weir moved to read Resolution Bill No. 13-781 out of order. Upon vote, motion carried.

Bill No. 13-781, entitled [Res. #5871]
"A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MANDY GONZALEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST, IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, AS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER, 2013."
was given its first and only reading in its entirety and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – Councilmember Schultz. The Mayor declared the bill passed. Mayor Reimal presented the December, 2013, Employee of the Month presentation copy to Mandy Gonzalez.

Mayor Reimal opened the full public hearing on an application for QuikTrip Corporation for an Unlimited Retailer of Intoxicating Liquor in the Original Package License and Sunday Sales License for QuikTrip #152 located at 4005 S. Little Blue Parkway. **Requires a two-thirds majority vote of Council for approval.** Liquor License Manager Terry Hartwig stated there was no new information. QuikTrip Manager Matt Brooks stated he was available to answer any questions. There being no other speakers and no questions or comments from the City Council, Mayor Reimal declared this public hearing closed.

Councilmember Weir asked that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 be removed for separate consideration, since it requires a two-thirds vote for approval.

Councilmembers Weir and Gragg moved to approve the CONSENT AGENDA, minus Bill No. 13-781 previously considered and Item No. 3 to be considered separately.

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager:

1. Approval is recommended to enter into a Price Agreement (220-13) with Rand Construction Company to provide general plumbing services for City buildings for the period December 3, 2013 through October 31, 2014 with two, one-year renewal options. Expenditures will not exceed budgeted amounts.

2. Approval is recommended to enter into a price agreement (209-13) with North Kansas City Iron and Metal, for the sale of surplus scrap metal, for the period of January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, with two, one-year renewal options.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – Councilmember Schultz. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was approved.

Councilmembers Weir and Whiting moved to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 3.

3. Approval is requested on the application of QuikTrip Corporation for an Unlimited Retailer of Intoxicating Liquor in the Original Package License and Sunday Sales License for QuikTrip <52 located at 4005 S. Little Blue Parkway. This application requires a two-third majority vote for approval due to residentially zoned property being located within three hundred (300) feet of the establishment.

Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – Councilmember Schultz. The Mayor declared Item No. 3 passed.

ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 13-140, entitled [Ord. #18219]
"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN STP-URBAN PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE TRUMAN ROAD AND 78 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – Councilmember Schultz. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 13-141, entitled [Ord. #18220]
"AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PLATTED SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 OF FAIRVIEW HOLLOW, A SUBDIVISION IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – Councilmember Schultz. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 13-142, entitled [Ord. #18221]
"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE INDEPENDENCE SQUARE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN, ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT AREA, DESIGNATING THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA AS A BLIGHTED AREA, APPROVING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND INITIATING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Councilmember Gragg commented this ordinance and Bill No. 13-143 are related and this will help revitalize the Independence Square. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – Councilmember Schultz. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 13-143, entitled [Ord. #18222]
"AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING THE AUTHORITY OF THE INDEPENDENCE SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO INITIATE NEW TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH WAS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 353 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – Councilmember Schultz. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 13-144, entitled [Ord. #18223]
"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH RDL REAL ESTATE 882 TO PLACE STRUCTURAL POLES FOR AN AWNING WITHIN A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED AT 19750 E. VALLEY VIEW PARKWAY, INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – Councilmember Schultz. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Mayor Reimal recognized five scouts and two leaders from Boy Scout Troop #229, First Christian Church. The scouts present are working on the Citizenship in the Community and Communication merit badges.

First Readings:

Bill No. 13-145, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH RADMACHER BROTHERS EXCAVATING COMPANY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $471,000.00; FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PIPE AND WATER MAIN ON E. 23RD STREET, FROM WEST OF HUB DRIVE TO R.D. MIZE RD.; AND AUTHORIZING FUTURE MINOR CHANGE ORDERS NOT TO EXCEED $47,100.00; AND/OR TIME EXTENSIONS."
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 13-146, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 18115 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE BORROWING OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $6,250,000 FROM THE MISSOURI DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFINANCING OF CERTAIN COSTS RELATED TO THE EASTLAND CENTER TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CITY."
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 13-147, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 18114 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE BORROWING OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,300,000 FROM THE MISSOURI DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFINANCING OF CERTAIN COSTS RELATED TO THE INDEPENDENCE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CITY."
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 13-148, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FINAL DISPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 268 CUBIC FEET OF RECORDS OF THE VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS HAVING MET ALL REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH DISPOSITION."
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 13-149, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE FINDING, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENTS AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND GRADING EASEMENTS FOR THE 10TH AND NORTHERN SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 70301104; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS IF NECESSARY; APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EXPERTS AS NEEDED; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS AND THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS OR OTHERS HOLDING PROPERTY RIGHTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROJECT."
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 13-150, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH S & R EXCAVATING FOR THE 30TH STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $273,939.00, AUTHORIZING FUTURE MINOR CHANGE ORDERS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $27,300.00 AND/OR TIME EXTENSIONS, AND MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS."
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 13-151, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAIRMOUNT REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TRUMAN MEDICAL CENTER INC., AND THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE FAIRMOUNT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT GENERALLY WEST OF HARDY AVENUE, SOUTH OF US 24 HWY, AND EAST OF ASH AVENUE."
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 13-152, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PHELPS ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE TRUMAN ROAD AND 78 HIGHWAY INTERSECTION ENGINEERING SERVICES PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $222,476.00, AUTHORIZING MINOR CHANGE ORDERS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $22,200.00 AND/OR TIME EXTENSIONS, AND MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS."
was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 13-153, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL BY PROPOSING CHANGES NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AS WELL AS TO CORRECT CERTAIN DRAFTING DEFICIENCIES IN THE DOCUMENT."
was given its first reading by title.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. The City Clerk has received notification that the City Manager has accepted a grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, through the Paul Coverdell National Science Improvement Grant in the amount of $1,982.00, for the Police Department. These funds will be used to reimburse accreditation and training expenses incurred by the Crime Lab.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmembers Dougherty and Gragg moved to add a hearing on an appeal of a Business License denial to the December 16, 2013 City Council meeting agenda. Upon vote, motion carried.

Councilmember Thorley commented on a new car wash opening at 291 and 40 Highway.

Councilmember Weir stated Ingram's magazine has recognized Independence as one of its five cities of distinction. The article is in the November issue. She noted City staff and the community have encouraged business development in Independence. City Manager Robert Heacock commented this is the first time Independence has earned this recognition from Ingram's magazine. He expressed pride in City staff that provides the best service possible.

Mayor Reimal stated the Mavericks and Comets are playing well. Mr. Heacock commented there was a sold out concert at the Events Center and the Maverick's held an event where people could pay what they could and still see a hockey game. Mr. Heacock also mentioned Centerpoint Community Ice at the Events Center is a great place to ice skate over the holidays.

At 6:25 p.m., Councilmembers Dougherty and Gragg moved to adjourn and convene in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., December 16, 2013, in the Council Chambers. Upon vote, the motion carried and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

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Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

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City Clerk