The Independence City Council met for a Regular Council Meeting, February 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Paul Nelson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 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, Jim Schultz, Roxann Thorley and Eileen Weir. Absent: none.

Assistant City Clerk Sheri Hurley read the proclamation for George Washington Day, in Independence, February 22, 2014. Robert Grover and Roy Hutchinson accepted the proclamation from the Mayor on behalf of the Harry S Truman Chapter of the Missouri Society of the American Revolution.

Councilmembers Schultz and Weir moved to approve the CONSENT AGENDA.

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager:

1. Approval is recommended to enter into a price agreement (102-14) with Blue Springs Winwaterworks, Ferguson Enterprises, Schulte Supply Inc and HD Supply Waterworks for Cast Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings for the period of February 19, 2014 through January 31, 2015. This agreement contains two, one-year renewal options. Expenditures will not exceed budgeted amount.

2. Approval is recommended to enter into a price agreement (145-14) with KC Bobcat for Bobcat parts and service for various departments, for the period March 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015. Expenditures will not exceed budgeted amounts.

3. Recommend approval to enter into Price Agreement 353-14 with Allied Waste for disposal of sludge and special waste for the period April 1, 2014, through March 31, 2015, with four (4) one-year renewal options. Expenditures will not exceed budgeted amounts.

4. Approval is recommended to enter into a price agreement (195-14) with D and S Callahan Construction for street cut repairs for the period of February 19, 2014 through January 31, 2015. This agreement contains two, one-year renewal options. Expenditures will not exceed budgeted amount.

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

ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 12-124, entitled [Ord. #18250]
"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT OF A TRACT OF GROUND LOCATED AT I-70 AND LITTLE BLUE PARKWAY AND CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREOF FROM R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL) AND O-1 (OFFICE RESIDENTIAL) TO B-P/PUD (BUSINESS PARK – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN. CASES #12-125-01/#12-100-06."
(Second reading was postponed at the 12/3/12 Council meeting. By Council vote, this ordinance was added to the 2/18/14 Council meeting.)
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Schultz, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – none. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 14-011, entitled [Ord. #18251]
"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A CERTAIN ROADWAY AND MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY EASEMENT FROM THIRTY-NINTH STREET TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI."

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Schultz, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – none. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 14-012, entitled [Ord. #18252]
"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.05.002, "ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS, DELETIONS AND CHANGES" OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 4, OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Schultz, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – none. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 14-013, entitled [Ord. #18253]
"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 205 E. FAIR STREET FROM DISTRICT C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL). CASE#14-100-01."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Schultz, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – none. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 14-014, entitled [Ord. #18254]
"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $196,809.00, FOR THE MODIFICATION OF COMBUSTION TURBINE UNIT CONTROLS AT SUBSTATION "J"; AUTHORIZING MINOR CHANGE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $19,680.90; AND/OR TIME EXTENSIONS; AND MAKING NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Schultz, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – none. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 14-015, entitled [Ord. #18255]
"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY TO OVERHAUL AND CHEMICALLY REHABILITATE WELL NO. 5-A, 9, 16 AND 35 AT THE COURTNEY BEND WATER PLANT FOR THE FULL SUM OF $180,987.00; AUTHORIZING FUTURE TIME EXTENSIONS; AND MAKING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Schultz, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – none. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 14-016, entitled [Ord. #18256]
"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC. TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Schultz, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – none. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 14-017, entitled [Ord. #18257]
"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI TO THE LITTLE BLUE VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT."
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Whiting, Gragg, Dougherty, Schultz, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – none. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 14-018, entitled [Ord. #18258]
"AN ORDINANCE RENEWING THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1111 W. PACIFIC 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, Schultz, Thorley, Weir and Mayor Reimal. Noes – none. Absent – none. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

First Readings:

Bill No. 14-019, entitled
"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.21.011 OF THE CITY CODE, CLARIFYING WHAT CONSTITUTES FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY."
was given its first reading by title.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. The Law Department is providing the following notification to the City Council of the claims paid and received during January, 2014.

2. Municipal Court Case Summary Report for January, 2014.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Weir commented on a newspaper article about a program being used in Lenexa, Kansas. Vehicle information is being etched on catalytic converters to help deter theft. She suggested the City look into this to help combat the issue in Independence.

Councilmember Thorley commented she was thankful for the warm weather today.

Councilmember Schultz noted that the State of the City address will be given on February 19th at Ophelia's Restaurant and encouraged the public to attend.

Councilmember Whiting welcomed the new Finance Director Brian Watson.

Councilmember Gragg commented there is good progress on the Swope Health Care facility and on the housing rehabilitation project, where three abandoned houses are being remodeled.

Councilmember Dougherty commented constituents brought to his attention an issue with snow around an Inde-Bus stop near Price Chopper at 23rd Street and M-291 Highway. As several pictures of the bus stop and surrounding area were being shown, he described the issues riders have dealt with due to bad weather conditions. Councilmember Dougherty stated that he worked with Councilmember Thorley, Community Development Senior Planner Mary Hunt and the owner of Price Chopper, and the entrance of Price Chopper is now designated as a stop for the Inde-Bus Red Route going both North and South.

Mayor Reimal commented the Mavericks are in first place and the Comets are in the playoffs.

City Manager Robert Heacock commented there is a Comets game on Saturday and citizens can continue to register online to be in a drawing for free tickets to both Mavericks and Comets games. Mr. Heacock also thanked staff for their effort with snow removal, especially with the magnitude of the storm.

At 6:30 p.m., Councilmembers Dougherty and Thorley moved to adjourn and convene in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., March 3, 2014, 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