

**Opening**

The City Council of the City of Independence, Kentucky met on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Independence Municipal Center, 5409 Madison Pike, Independence, Kentucky with Mayor Donna G. Yeager presiding. Mayor Yeager called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Bushong. Roll was called and the following Council Members registered present: Bill Aseere, Tom Brinker, Jim Bushong, Carol Franzen, Mike Little and Chris Reinersman. Also present was City Attorney Jed K. Deters, City Administrator Dan Groth and City Clerk Patricia Taney.

**Approval of the May 5, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Yeager called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, May 5, 2014. Council Member Franzen so moved, with second by Council Member Brinker. No amendments to the minutes were noted and the motion carried with all ayes.

**Approval of the May 19, 2014 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Yeager called for a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on Monday, May 19, 2014. Council Member Little so moved, with second by Council Member Bushong. No amendments to the minutes were noted and the motion carried with all ayes.

**Ordinance No. 2014-O-03 – Amending the 2013/14 Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Mayor Yeager presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 2014-O-03, an ordinance that would amend the 2013/2014 budget. Mr. Deters read Ordinance No. 2014-O-03.

Council Member Bushong made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-O-03, seconded by Council Member Franzen. There being no discussion, roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance No. 2014-O-04 – Adopting the 2014/15 Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Mayor Yeager presented to Council for a second reading a proposed ordinance that would adopt the budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. City Attorney, Mr. Deters gave Ordinance No. 2014-O-04 a second reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Franzen and seconded by Council Member Reinersman to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-O-04. There being no discussion, roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0 to adopt the 2014/2015 budget as presented

**Ordinance No. 2014-O-05 – Adopting a Personnel Classification & Pay Plan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Mayor Yeager presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 2014-O-05- that will adopt an employee Pay and Classification Plan for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. Mr. Deters read Ordinance No. 2014-O-05.

A motion was made by Council Member Bushong and seconded by Council Member Aseere to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-O-05 enacting a personnel and pay classification plan for City employees. There being no discussion, roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Rumpke Contract Amendment**

Mr. Groth presented to Council a proposed contract modification from Rumpke for the collection of solid waste and recyclable material from residential dwelling units. He stated this would be a two-year renewal at a lower rate than the original bids received by competing companies. Mr. Groth advised the additional services in the contract amendment are the result of resident feedback. He stated for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 for an amended rate of \$12.44 per month the additional services will include:

- one time per month single large item pickup when given a minimum 48 hour advance notice
- will allow reasonable volume of additional waste to be placed alongside the trash container during the week of Christmas, limited to the equivalent of up to (6) 30-gallon cans or bags
- will provide yard waste and leaf collection pickup up to four times each year
- will provide the City up to (4) 30-yard containers each year for special events not to exceed a period of two weeks
- shall provide the City up to (20) portable toilets each year in lieu of a cash donation and in exchange for annual event sponsorship

Mr. Groth explained that the leaf pickup will be scheduled in advance for the residents and they will be notified of the dates in advance as well.

Council Member Brinker stated this was a game changer for him and he would not have voted to renew the contract with Rumpke based on the service the last two years. Mr. Groth commented that a meeting was held with the Rumpke representative to discuss and address the complaints received from the residents over the last couple of years, and he feels this contract amendment will resolve some of those issues. Council Member Reinersman commented that Rumpke has provided more in this amendment than we had asked for. Council Member Little stated he feels this is an excellent rate for the additional services.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Council Member Reinersman to extend the Rumpke contract for the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials for an additional two year term beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 and authorize the Mayor to enter into the contract. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Park & Recreation Update**

Council Member Brinker reported the following City recreational activities:

- June 7 – Movie – *The Zoo Keeper*
- June 16 through 19 – Basketball Camp
- June 27 – Madcap Puppets – *The Enchanted World*

Council Member Bushong asked for an update on the Amphitheater grant application. Council Member Brinker advised the grant application would be for the next fiscal year budget. Mr. Groth commented there has been no word yet on our grant application.

Council Member Brinker, who is Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, also reported that the Committee is discussing short term and long term park improvements.

### **City Administrator Report – Dan Groth**

Mr. Groth reported that the Northern Kentucky Hates Heroin will hold a 5K Run in Independence on June 7, 2014. He stated that several hundred participants have registered to date. They are expecting a very large crowd.

### **Discussion Relating to Sewer and Water Line Marketing License Agreement with Service Line Warranties of America**

Mr. Groth presented to Council for their consideration, a marketing license agreement proposal by Service Line Warranties of America that would grant this company the right to offer a warranty to property owners within the City limits. In the agreement the City would grant Service Line Warranties of America a non-exclusive license to use the City's name and logo on letterhead, bills and marketing materials to be sent to City property owners. Mr. Groth explained that SD1 does not service lateral sewer lines as the lines are on private properties, so any necessary repairs would fall on the property owners which can be costly. He stated that Mr. Deters would take some time to read the entire warranty program before the Council decides if they want to endorse this program for its residents, then Council could take this under further consideration next month. Mr. Deters expressed some concern regarding this program and advised he would look into it further.

### **Resolution No. 2014-R-04**

Mayor Yeager presented to Council Resolution No. 2014-R-04 concerning Sanitation District #1 proposed increase of wastewater and storm water service fees. SD1 notified the City they would be accepting comments regarding the proposed fees to be charged to its customers which would be reflected on the bills beginning in August.

Mr. Groth commented that Resolution No. 2014-R-04 opposes the rate increases. He read Resolution No. 2014-R-04.

A motion was made by Council Member Aseere and seconded by Council Member Franzen. After a few brief comments from Council Members, roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Groth advised a copy of the Resolution would be provided to the Mayor's Group for their consideration as well.

Mr. Groth announced that Independence has been listed as the 13<sup>th</sup> (out of top 50) safest city in Kentucky in a recent report issued by SafeWise. He stated that SafeWise is in the home security and safety industry.

### **Attorney's Report – Jed K. Deters**

Mr. Deters advised he did not have anything to report but would need to discuss pending litigation in an executive session.

### **Mayor's Report – Donna G. Yeager**

Mayor Yeager had nothing to report.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:22 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Bushong and seconded by Council Member Little to go into an executive session in accordance with KRS 61.810 (c) to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried with all ayes.

At 7:52 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Council Member Franzen to resume the regular meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Franzen and seconded by Council Member Bushong to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes and the meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.

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Donna G. Yeager, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia H. Taney, City Clerk