



City of Independence

Minutes

City Council Meeting Tuesday, July 8, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm in the council chambers by Mayor Kate Schwarzler.

2. **ROLL CALL.**
Mayor Schwarzler present

Council Present: Shannon Corr
Marilyn Morton
Bill Boisvert
Evan Sorce
Dawn Roden
Kathy Martin-Willis

Council Absent: None

City Staff Present: Shawn Irvine, Asst. City Manager
Rob Moody, Finance Director
Fred Evander, Planning Manager
Myra Russell, City Recorder
Juventino Banuelos, Police Chief

3. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the June 10, 2025, regular session were submitted in the agenda packet.

ACTION:

Councilor Morton moved to approve June 10, 2025, regular session minutes as received. Second by Councilor Martin-Willis. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion passed 6-0-0:

AYES: Corr, Morton, Boisvert, Sorce, Martin-Willis, Roden
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

4. **VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

- 4.1. Terri Pierce, Independence. Opening store at 233 Main St.
- 4.2. Caterina Rosenfeld, Independence. Need for help.
- 4.3. Vickie McCubbin, Independence. Public Works Thank you-provided written copy of remarks.

5. **REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS.**

- 5.1. Mayor Schwarzler: Independence Days, thank you to staff and volunteers for all the work before, during and after event.

5.2.1 MINET: Councilor Sorce: Board of Directors met on June 25 for budget hearing. Budget was approved. Would like to see a presentation from MINET to Council.

5.2.2 Parks Board: Councilor Roden: Attended first meeting. Mentioned Michael Carns wetland signage. Meeting focused on Parks Master Plan.

5.2.3 Independence Days Commission: Councilor Boisvert: Highlights of the event last week and mention of future Independence Days Ad Hoc Board meeting and the future of the celebration. Thanked current commission members for work on the event.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

7.1. Correction of Scrivener's Error: Resolution No. 25-1635. Moody explained scrivener's error and correction.

ACTION:

Councilor Corr moved to approve the revised Resolution No. 25-1635, correcting a scrivener's error in the total sum of the budget adopted for fiscal year 2025-26. Second by Councilor Martin-Willis. Councilor Roden explained her vote would be the same as it was on original budget resolution. Roll call vote. Motion passed 5-1-0:

AYES:	Corr, Morton, Boisvert, Sorce, Martin-Willis
NAYS:	Roden
ABSTENTIONS:	None

7.2. Initiate Annexation and Rezone of City Owned Land and set a date for a public hearing. Evander presented a proposal to set a public hearing date for the annexation of a portion of a rail right of way

ACTION:

Councilor Morton moved to approve Resolution 25-1636, a resolution to initiate the Annexation and Rezone of city-owned land, set a date for a Public Hearing on the matter for August 12, 2025, and direct staff to provide appropriate notice for the hearing. Second by Councilor Sorce. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion passed 6-0-0:

AYES:	Corr, Morton, Boisvert, Sorce, Martin-Willis, Roden
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

7.3. Q3 Board/Committee/Commission Appointments Irvine presented the staff report and one applicant for Museum Board. Irvine turned proceedings over to Mayor Schwarzler.

ACTION:

Councilor Roden moved to deny the application because it was incomplete. No discussion. No second, motion died.

Councilor Corr moved to accept the Mayor's appointment to the Heritage Museum Board. Second by Councilor Martin-Willis. Councilor Sorce asked that staff follow up with filling out application completely. Councilor Roden will not judge incomplete application. Motion passed 5-1-0:

AYES:	Corr, Morton, Boisvert, Sorce, Martin-Willis
NAYS:	Roden
ABSTENTIONS:	None

7.4. Solicitation for Realtor of Record. Irvine presented information as submitted in agenda packet to retain a realtor of record to potentially sell some city properties. Discussion on how the process works, timeline and how potential conflicts of interest would be handled. Councilors Sorce and Boisvert declared that they are or have family members that are in real estate but would not applying to be the solicitor of record for the city in order to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

ACTION:

Councilor Roden moved that the Council authorize staff to retain a realtor of record to support the City's property disposition efforts in accordance with City policies and at the discretion of the City Manager. Second by Councilor Martin-Willis. No discussion. Roll call vote. Motion passed 6-0-0:

AYES:	Corr, Morton, Boisvert, Sorce, Martin-Willis, Roden
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

Related to city property, Irvine mentioned a potential partner interested in the Henry Hill/pool property. No formal decision needed but wanted to test temperature of council on holding off on pool property sale for a year to see if anything develops. Would bring back more information at a work session. Council nodded agreement

8. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

8.1. Councilor Corr: summer reading challenge to Councilors. Challenge ends August 15th.

8.2. Councilor Sorce: ICE posters seen around town. Wants to state that it is not acceptable behavior.

8.3. Councilor Roden: Wall that Heals event still needs volunteers. Reminder to be civil to all.

8.4. Councilor Morton: Hop & Heritage Festival in September. Still room for vendors. Sept 16 noon – 2pm the Wall that Heals route into Independence.

8.5. Councilor Corr: Would like to talk about letter regarding Osprey and fireworks at next Independence Days Ad Hoc Committee.

8.6. Councilor Sorce: Applebox Children's Theater, Magic Flute at WOU outdoor stage.

8.7. Councilor Martin-Willis encouraged residents to spend time at the Wall that Heals for educational opportunities.

8.8. Councilor Boisvert: His son Fisher Boisvert joined IPD Cadet program and let it be known he will not be at next council meeting.

8.9 Mayor Schwarzler: Statement regarding correspondence in packet.

9. **GENERAL INFORMATION.** Items submitted here in the packet are for information only; no action was required by city council.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.** Councilor Morton moved to Adjourn, Councilor Roden seconded. Mayor Schwarzler adjourned the meeting at 7: 21 pm.

MAYOR KATE SCHWARZLER

ATTEST:

Myra Russell, City Recorder