

City Council Meeting Summary; Independence Police Release Monthly Report

River City Briefs

July 18, 2025

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July: Summer Connections

Summer is in full swing, and it's been great to see all the activity in our community! From Independence Days to our first summer movie and concert, there's been so much to celebrate together. These moments don't happen by accident—they're possible because of the many volunteers and our dedicated city staff who work behind the scenes to make our events safe, fun, and welcoming. Thank you for giving your time and energy to help our community shine.

We've had some very hot days, with more hot weather in the forecast. Whether you're heading out for a walk, a paddle, or just relaxing by the river, please be mindful of the heat and water hazards and stay safe.

I'd also like to invite you to join me for a new event this summer:
The Mayor's Picnic – A Sunday gathering to celebrate community. No agenda. No sponsors. Just neighbors spending time together.

- Sunday, August 10
- 3:00 – 5:00 PM
- Riverview Park

All you need to bring:



- A picnic blanket or chair
- Food and drinks for yourself (or to share if you'd like!)
- Lawn games, musical instruments, or anything that brings joy

Come meet new friends, catch up with old ones, and enjoy a summer afternoon in good company. All ages are welcome. I'd love to see you there!

Thank you for making Independence a place where people come together to create something wonderful.

In service to our community,
Mayor Kate

60-Second Council - July 8, 2025 Meeting



60-Second Council Report Summary

Here's a quick recap of highlights from the July 8, 2025, Independence City Council meeting:

- Council corrected a clerical error and approved Revised Resolution No. 25-1635.
- A public hearing was scheduled for August 12, 2025, to consider annexing a portion of the Old Inman-Poulsen Timber Company right-of-way.
- Staff was authorized to begin recruiting a realtor of record to assist with the sale of the Museum building and at least one city park property.

- Heath Lawson was appointed to the Museum Advisory Board with Council approval.
- Following adjournment, the Urban Renewal Agency Board also authorized staff to recruit a realtor for the potential sale of agency property.

For more details or to watch the full meeting, visit the city of Independence website.

[Watch Video Here](#)

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Your contribution provides dedicated funding that will be used solely to support these services, helping maintain Library programs, preserve local history at the Museum, and enhance our Parks and public spaces.

If you've already donated, we truly appreciate your generosity. If you didn't receive an email receipt, please contact us, and we'll make sure you get one.

Every dollar makes a difference. Join us in keeping Independence a vibrant and livable community.

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Upcoming Public Hearings

The city of Independence encourages residents to stay informed and take part in upcoming public hearings that help guide local growth and development:



August 12 – City Council Meeting

Consideration of a code change to require a pre-application for most new development.

August 26 – City Council Meeting

Consideration of annexing a city-owned property and rezoning the land.

September 8 – Planning Commission Meeting

Consideration of revised standards for mobile vendors and food trucks.

More details and materials for each hearing are available on our [Ongoing Development Projects](#) page. Click the button below to learn more.

[Learn More Here](#)

Concerts in the Park All Summer Long



This week's concert in the park:

PETTY FEVER (Tom Petty Tribute)

Opener: Edge Band (Yacht Rock)



FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025 AT 6:00PM | \$5

FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT WWW.CI.INDEPENDENCE.OR.US/RIVERS-EDGE-SUMMER-SERIES/

Don't back down from a good time — Petty Fever is taking the stage this Friday, July 18, 2025, as the River's Edge Summer Concert Series rolls on!

Come enjoy the sounds of Tom Petty, performed live in the park by this award-winning tribute band.

- Opening act starts at 6 PM
- Headliner (Petty Fever) takes over at 8 PM
- \$5 entry at the gate

Bring a chair, bring your friends, and get ready to free fall into a night of great music!

[Learn More Here](#)

New Development Continues on South Main Street



Construction continues at 478 S. Main Street on a mixed-use project led by a local builder. Originally approved by the Historic Preservation Commission and city staff in 2022, the project will bring 14 apartment units and approximately 3,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space to the heart of Independence.

The development also includes on-site parking and stormwater treatment, blending modern needs with thoughtful design. We look forward to seeing it open in the coming months.

Coffee with a Cop Nurtures Community



Thanks to everyone who joined us for Coffee with a Cop! It was a great opportunity for residents to connect with Independence Police officers in a casual setting, ask questions, share concerns, and simply get to know the people behind the badge.

A special thank you to Painted Pony Coffee and Cream for providing the coffee that helped make the event possible.

Events like this help build trust and transparency—one cup at a time. Stay tuned for more chances to connect!

Students Encounter the Power of Local Government



Last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming students from the Central School District to the Independence Civic Center!

They toured our Planning and Police departments, explored a patrol vehicle, and took a historic walking tour near downtown. They also participated in mock City Council meetings where they debated budget priorities and passed an ordinance requiring people to pick up their dog poop.

We love connecting with the next generation of civic leaders and giving them a behind-the-scenes look at how their city works.

Independence Police Release Monthly Report



Have you been curious about what our officers have been up to all month? The Independence Police Department is sharing a sample of the calls for service each month to inform and educate community members on the work we do.

In June 2025, officers engaged in 713 activities, including 29 Arrests (Adults and Juveniles), 14 check welfares, 7 domestic disturbances, 3 hit-and-run crashes, 21 emotional health calls, 43 Suspicious Activity / Person / Vehicle, and 3 DUII calls.

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Child Care Business Training Starts August 2025



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Polk County Child Care Business Cohort



COHORT INCLUDES:

- Bi- Weekly Training Sessions August 09, 2025- December 13, 2025 (3 In Person, 7 Virtual).
- 30 Hours of Business Training
- 1:1 Business Coaching
- \$1,000.00 at Completion of Cohort
- Access to FREE additional Statewide Trainings for you and/or staff
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Pathways to Possibilities is a Polk County business training program designed to support early educators in launching and growing licensed child care programs. From August to December, you'll participate in hands-on, virtual and in-person sessions that focus on the business foundations behind quality care—giving you the tools to move forward with clarity and confidence.

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