

# Transparency & Your City

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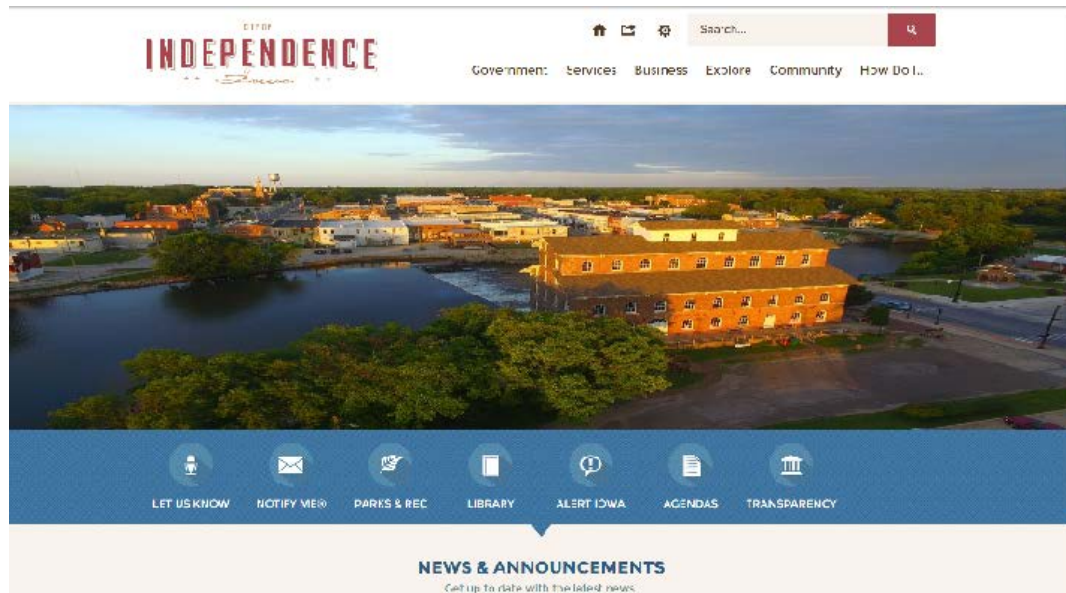
# TRANSPARENCY PIECES THAT INDEPENDENCE UTILIZES

- ❖ City Web-site
- ❖ Board Docs
- ❖ Radix
- ❖ Council Meetings (televised on local cable channel and posted on YouTube and City Web-site)
- ❖ Facebook
- ❖ OpenGov

# City Web-site

❖ [www.independenceia.org](http://www.independenceia.org)

❖ Hosted by Civic Plus



# City Web-site

Home > Government > Mayor & City Council > Agendas & Minutes

## Agendas & Minutes

Year	Agendas	Meeting Minutes	Ordinances	Resolutions
2017	<a href="#">Agendas</a>	<a href="#">Meeting Minutes</a>	<a href="#">Ordinances</a>	<a href="#">Resolutions</a>
2016	<a href="#">Agendas</a>	<a href="#">Meeting Minutes</a>	<a href="#">Ordinances</a>	<a href="#">Resolutions</a>
2015	<a href="#">New Management System Agendas</a>	<a href="#">Meeting Minutes</a>	<a href="#">Ordinances</a>	<a href="#">Resolutions</a>
2014	<a href="#">Agendas</a>	<a href="#">Meeting Minutes</a>	<a href="#">Ordinances</a>	<a href="#">Resolutions</a>
2013	<a href="#">Agendas</a>	<a href="#">Meeting Minutes</a>	<a href="#">Ordinances</a>	<a href="#">Resolutions</a>
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Board Docs

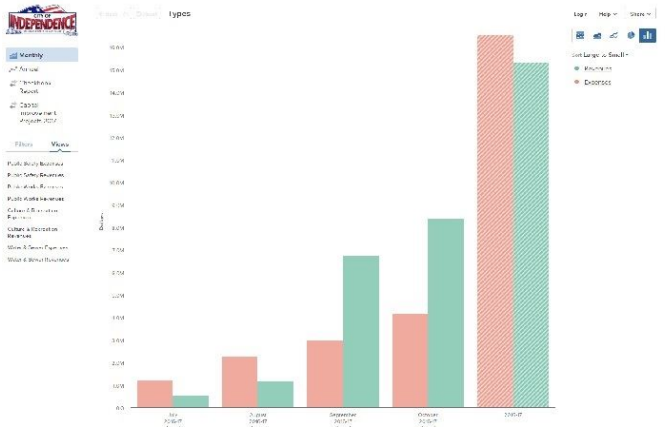
Radix

Feature Links > Coming Soon

## City of Independence Financial Transparency Portal

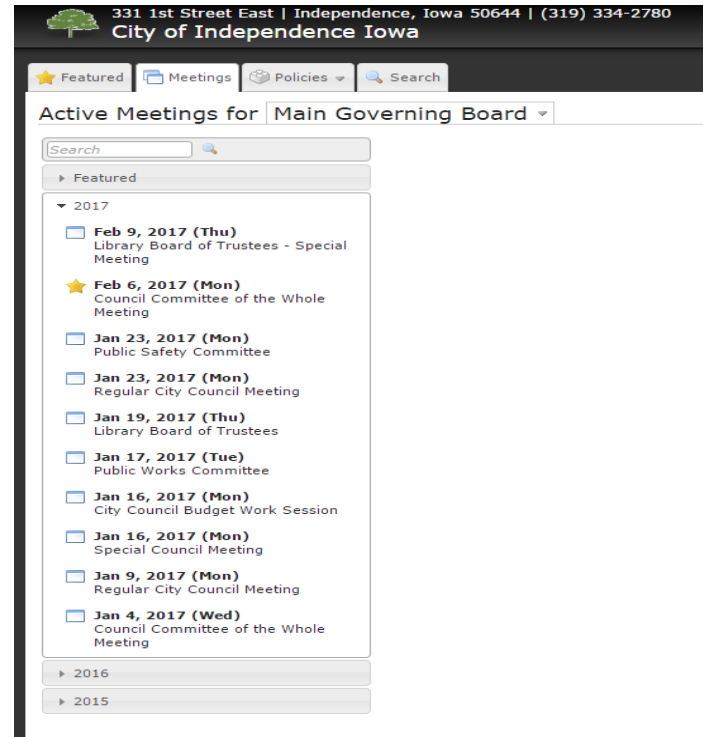
In an effort to provide a more inclusive and transparent budget, the City of Independence is pleased to present our Financial Transparency portal. The City of Independence has partnered with OpenGov to provide a new web-based financial transparency and intelligence tool that dynamically presents the city's revenues and expenses, from historical trends to line item level details.

OpenGov



# Board Docs

- ❖ Used for Council and Committee Meeting Agendas
- ❖ Can also have a link for YouTube council meeting videos. Videos can be time-stamped so a person can click on an agenda item and see the related video from the meeting.



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City of Independence

★ Featured Meetings Policies Search

Active Meetings for Main Governing Board

Search

Featured

2017

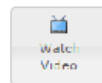
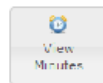
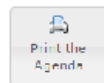
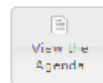
- Feb 9, 2017 (Thu) Library Board of Trustees - Special Meeting
- ★ Feb 6, 2017 (Mon) Council Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Jan 23, 2017 (Mon) Public Safety Committee
- Jan 23, 2017 (Mon) Regular City Council Meeting
- Jan 19, 2017 (Thu) Library Board of Trustees
- Jan 17, 2017 (Tue) Public Works Committee
- Jan 16, 2017 (Mon) City Council Budget Work Session
- Jan 16, 2017 (Mon) Special Council Meeting
- Jan 9, 2017 (Mon) Regular City Council Meeting
- Jan 4, 2017 (Wed) Council Committee of the Whole Meeting

2016

2015

Regular City Council Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2017

MONDAY  
6:30 PM



# Radix

## ❖ Used for

- ❖ Council Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Committee Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Ordinances
- ❖ Resolutions

City of Independence Clerk (4 Documents Displayed)

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01/16/2017	Minutes	Special City Council Meeting	[Blank]	[Blank]	[Blank]	[Blank]	
01/09/2017	Minutes	City Council Meeting	[Blank]	[Blank]	[Blank]	[Blank]	

City of Independence Clerk (12 Documents Displayed)

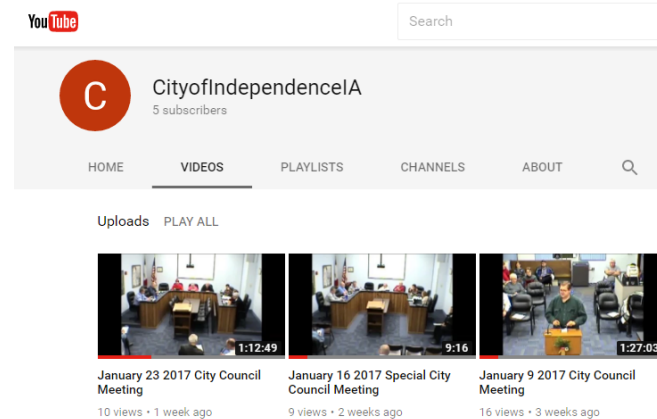
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# Council Meetings

- ❖ Council meetings are televised live on a local cable channel to city residents
- ❖ Meetings are recorded on a DVD to be later uploaded to the City Web-site, YouTube, and Board Docs



## Meeting Videos

Videos are posted on a voluntary basis, in an effort to help the City reach a larger audience within the community. As such, the posting of each City Council Meeting will depend on when the videos are ready and how quickly they can be picked up from City Hall.

### 2017

- [January 23, 2017 City Council Meeting](#)
- [January 16, 2017 Special City Council Meeting](#)
- [January 9, 2017 City Council Meeting](#)

# Facebook

- ❖ The City uses Facebook for:
  - ❖ Upcoming City events
  - ❖ Road Closures due to construction or road repairs
  - ❖ Water Information (water shut off for repair work, water discoloration)
  - ❖ Snow emergencies





# OpenGov

## ❖ Objectives of using OpenGov

- ❖ Leverage OpenGov to engage citizens with the Transparency platform and enable government-wide financial reporting
- ❖ Make the City's financial reports easier to understand for the general public
- ❖ Improve the City's ability to visualize all aspects of where tax dollars are going



# Transparency Costs

- ❖ Board Docs \$3,000 per year
  - ❖ Civic Plus \$8,350 per year
  - ❖ OpenGov \$4,000 per year
  - ❖ Radix \$500 per year
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- ❖ Please note that the above amounts do NOT include any set up costs