

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's February 11, 2016 Meeting.

The Independence City Commission met on February 11, 2016 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Mayor Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner Gary Hogsett, and Commissioner Fred Meier were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Micky Webb, City Manager
Jeff Chubb, City Attorney
Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer Rutledge, Director of Finance/City Clerk
Mark Vining, Officer in Charge - Police Department
Dave Cowan, Public Safety Director
Terry Lybarger, Utilities Director
Mike Passauer, Public Works Director

Visitors

Jerry Bright	Steve McBride
Bill Wullenschnieder	Amanda Williams
Larry McHugh	Louis Ysusi
Renita Butler	Charlotte Caflisch
Andrew Demo	Debbie Miller
Larry Weimer	John Koschin
Ned Stichman	Shawn Turner
John Risner	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Leonhard Caflisch.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission adopted the agenda with the following additions and changes:

- **Item g. Consider authorizing construction of storage at Memorial Hall for the VFW flags [CITIZENS] moved to Items for Commission Action. See item i.**
- **Item h. Consider a request to co-sponsor a Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) meeting on February 16, 2016 from 3-5pm at Memorial Hall regarding provision of mental**

health and substance abuse services in our area [CITIZENS] moved to items for Commission Action. See item j.

- **An executive session for non-elected personnel was added to the agenda.**
- **Item o. Report on status of Transystems projects moved to immediately after the consent agenda.**
- **Item p. Consider pictures to submit to Hometown Shootout was added to the agenda.**

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Citizen's Concerns and Petitions:

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

a. Appropriations

1. A-1760

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved Ordinance A-1760 for \$473,864.07.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

2. P-1722

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved Ordinance P-1722 for \$122,459.21.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- b. Consider approving the minutes of the January 28, 2016 Commission meeting [CITIZENS].

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved the minutes of the January 28, 2016 Commission meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- c. Consider authorizing the 9th Annual Blake Bertie Triathlon on August 20, 2016 [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

The Blake Bertie Triathlon is tentatively scheduled for August 20, 2016. City staff recommends approval subject to receiving proof of event insurance coverage.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved the Blake Bertie Triathlon on August 20, 2016 subject to receiving proof of event insurance coverage.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- d. Consider authorizing a special event permit to sell cereal malt beverages for a Friends Helping Friends event on February 20, 2016 at Memorial Hall [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

Attached is a special event permit to sell cereal malt beverages for a Friends Helping Friends benefit for Andy Smith to be held at the Memorial Hall on February 20, 2016 starting at 5 PM. City staff recommends approval.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved Ordinance A-1760 for \$473,864.07.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- e. Consider a request from the VFW and VFW Auxiliary to block off 6th Street and the alley directly west of the VFW and the gazebo parking lot for a Community Easter Carnival from 11 AM to 2 PM on March 26, 2016 [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

Attached is a request from the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary to block off 6th Street and the alley directly west of the VFW and the gazebo parking lot to hold their 2nd Annual Easter Carnival. City staff recommends approval.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission approved Ordinance A-1760 for \$473,864.07.

Aye: Caflich, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- f. Consider co-sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt with the Rotary Club on March 26, 2016 starting at 3 PM at Riverside Park [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 26, 2016 beginning at 3 PM. This event is co-sponsored by the Independence Rotary Club. City staff recommends authorizing the City to co-sponsor the event.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission agreed to co-sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt with the Rotary Club on March 26, 2016 starting at 3PM at Riverside Park .

Aye: Caflich, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- g. Consider authorizing construction of storage at Memorial Hall for the VFW flags [CITIZENS].

Attached is a drawing for additional storage at Memorial Hall which would provide a location for storage of the VFW flags. The storage area would be constructed in-house. City staff recommends approval.

This item was moved to Items for Commission Action. See item i.

- h. Consider a request to co-sponsor a Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) meeting on February 16, 2016 from 3-5 PM at Memorial Hall regarding the provision of mental health and substance abuse services in our area [CITIZENS].

City staff recommends co-sponsoring the KDADS meeting to be held on February 16, 2016 from 3-5 PM at Memorial Hall.

This item was moved to Items for Commission Action. See item j.

Items for Commission Action

- i. Consider authorizing construction of storage at Memorial Hall for the VFW flags [CITIZENS].

Attached is a drawing for additional storage at Memorial Hall which would provide a location for storage of the VFW flags. The storage area would be constructed in-house. City staff recommends approval.

Mayor Caflisch expressed his gratitude that the City was taking steps to honor Veterans by providing a good plan for storage of the flags.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission authorized construction of storage at Memorial Hall for the VFW Flags.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- j. Consider a request to co-sponsor a Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) meeting on February 16, 2016 from 3-5 PM at Memorial Hall regarding the provision of mental health and substance abuse services in our area [CITIZENS].

City staff recommends co-sponsoring the KDADS meeting to be held on February 16, 2016 from 3-5 PM at Memorial Hall.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission agreed to co-sponsor a Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) meeting on February 16, 2016 from 3-5 PM at Memorial Hall regarding the provision of mental health and substance abuse services in our area.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

City Staff was directed to prepare a notice of special meeting to schedule this workshop.

- k. Consider authorizing use of Memorial Hall Tax Credits to fund budget shortfall for operation of Building D [CITIZENS/CITY EMPLOYEES].

Attached is a memo from the City Clerk/Finance Director establishing a Building D budget and recommending utilization of Memorial Hall Tax Credits to fund budget shortfalls for operation of Building D.

The Mayor asked the Director of Finance about specific items such as elevator maintenance, generating testing and monitoring systems. The Director of Finance responded that it would be helpful to know how the building is intended to be used in order to come up with a better budget for operations.

Mayor Caflisch recommended that City Staff contact property management companies in the area to find out what expenses they incur to better estimate what Building D will cost.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission approved the budget of \$316,500 and directed City Staff to determine an appropriate method of funding.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- l. Consider deannexation of a 38.5 acre tract located at 730 Peter Pan Road [CITIZENS].

At your last meeting the public hearing was closed and action was tabled. City staff has requested a representative from IAP be present at this meeting to answer any Commission questions.

This item has been tabled until an IAP representative can attend the meeting.

- m. Consider adopting the following ordinances relating to the governing body to comply with new statutes:
 1. A charter ordinance exempting the City from provisions relating to the filing of Governing Body vacancies.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission adopted Charter Ordinance #13 exempting the City from provisions relating to the filing of Governing Body vacancies.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

2. An ordinance affirming the City's adoption and continued operation under the Commission-Manager Form of Government [CITIZENS].

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission adopted Ordinance 4213 affirming the City's adoption of and continued operation under the Commission-Manager form of government.

Aye: Cafilisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Attached are ordinances prepared by the City Attorney relating to compliance with new statutes regarding the Governing Body.

- n. **Consider direction regarding a request for the City to assume responsibility of the Veterans Jet Display at Riverside Park [CITIZENS].**

The VFW has requested that the City assume responsibility of the Veterans Jet Display at Riverside Park. City staff will need direction from the Commission concerning this request.

This item has been tabled for further investigation.

- o. Consider authorizing stop signs at 12th and Riley; and 20 MPH and No Parking signs on the west side of 12th from Oak to Pecan [CITIZENS].

Attached is a recommendation from the Public Safety Director for the above modifications in the area of 12th from Oak to Pecan. The Public Safety Director will be available to review this recommendation.

John Koschin addressed the Commission regarding safety on these streets. He has talked to neighbors, driven the streets, and presented pictures to the Commission. These streets are narrow, kids are driving too fast, and not all intersections have stop signs. He asks the Commission to consider making 12th street a one way going north.

Andrew Demo spoke to the Commission about his experience with drivers at 12th and Beech. At 3:00 in the afternoon, when the school releases, the kids go fast through this neighborhood. Drew has 2 little girls and he has yelled, pointed, and waved at the drivers to no avail. He recommends a Northbound one way on that section of 12th street between Beech and Oak.

Mr. Weimer lives at 12th and Riley and recommends that the City reconsider the one way street option because the kids drive entirely too fast and someone is going to get hurt.

This item has been tabled to the February 25, 2016 meeting for the City to research the problem further.

- p. Consider pictures for Hometown Shootout

The Commission chose the flyover picture for the Hometown Shootout.

Reports

- q. Sales tax reports [CITIZENS]:

1. Sales Tax Receipts
2. Cash Flow of Special Use Sales Tax.

Attached are the reports prepared by the City Clerk/Finance Director relating to sales tax revenues.

- r. Report on status of TranSystems projects [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

Shawn Turner of TranSystems will review the status of current projects.

- **10th and Chestnut and West Main are both complete, will be finalizing at the next meeting.**
- **Peter Pan Road is a 2017 GI project. The plan is to bid this in January of 2017. This project is entering the ROW acquisition and utility phase now.**
- **2017 KLINK project on US 75 (Penn Ave) from Chestnut to Oak is a mill and overlay project and remaining ramps. This will happen in June/July 2016.**
- **2018 GI project is West Main between 10th and 11th streets due to failing joints.**
- **Basin 5 CDBG grant - advertised for bids on 2/22. Will bring something to the Commission on 2/25. Currently have 5 bidders expressing interest in the project.**
- **ADA Curb Ramp - Mission Construction is 40% complete. This is scheduled to be complete in March 2016, but it will be tight. Currently doing about 20 ramps per week.**
- **Working on recommendations for the Water Plan and Wastewater Plant. Working with Westar.**

- s. Report on inaugural First Saturday Recycling event held on February 6, 2016 [CITIZENS/CITY EMPLOYEES].

Over 100 citizens participated in the recycling event that kicked off the City's efforts to provide recycling opportunities for citizens. The new recycling trailer was filled to capacity with excess recyclables that are being stored at sanitation until the trailer can be taken to Fredonia and emptied. The event will be repeated the First Saturday of each month from 8 AM until noon at 21st and Maple under the direction of the Public Works Director.

- t. Report on thank you note for Commissioners and City Manager for completion of West Main from the First Presbyterian Church [CITIZENS].

Attached is a thank you note from the Presbyterian Church thanking the Commission and City Manager for their efforts to complete the West Main renovation project.

Executive Session

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission called a 15 minute Executive Session according to Kansas Statute 75-4319 (b) (1) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel to end at 7:45pm. The Executive Session included Mayor Cafilisch, Commissioner Meier, Commissioner Hogsett, the City Attorney, and the City Manager.

Aye: Cafilisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 7:45pm.

Adjournment

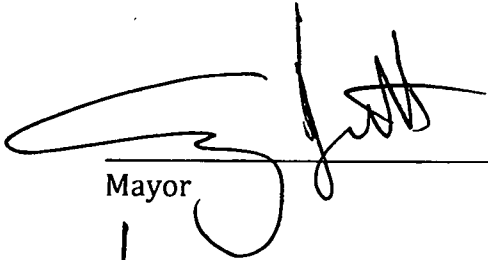
Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the meeting was adjourned.

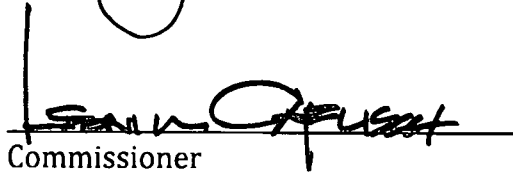
Aye: Cafilisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

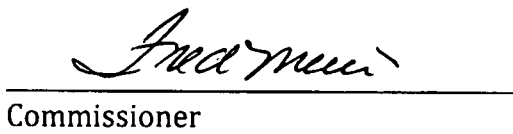
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Mayor

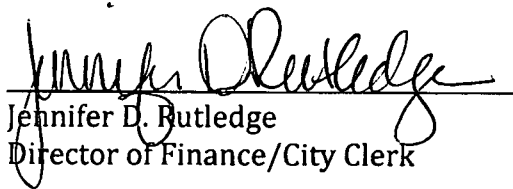


Commissioner



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Attest:



Jennifer D. Rutledge
Director of Finance/City Clerk

Request to Address the City Commission



Name: _____

John Koschen

Agenda item you wish to address: Letter: M; or

Public concern you wish to address: _____

Prior to the start of the meeting, please hand this form to the City Clerk

When the Mayor calls on you, please state your name and direct your comments to the Commission. Your comments should be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

No _____

Attendance Sheet

Independence City Commission Meeting

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Name

Address

1	Jerry Bright	201 South 13 th Indep
2	Bill Wallenschneider VFW	576 58 Road
3	Sunny McHugh	3625 CR 4300 Indep.
4	Debbie Miller	Box 571 Indep
5	Tyler Kessner	104 Riley - Indep
6	RENITA BUTLER	2712 ROLLING GREEN DR
7	Andrew Deane	1120 N12 th St
8	Shirley Dean	123 W Ann
9	Kary Deane	601 B. W
10	NED STECHMAN	725 WASHINGTON
11	Amanda Williams	Reporter
12	Louis Gustin	112 Timberlane
13	Charlotte Caplischi	600 S. 5 th
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