

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's November 22, 2016 Meeting.

The Independence City Commission met on November 22, 2016 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Mayor Gary Hogsett, Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch, and Commissioner Fred Meier were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Micky Webb, City Manager
Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer Rutledge, Director of Finance/City Clerk
Dave Cowan, Public Safety Director
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief
Don Cushing, Building Inspector
Mike Passauer, Public Works Director

Visitors

Danny Turr	Ned Stichman
Robert Meadows	Dorcas Sutton
Belva Wilson	Jared & Jen Guevitt
Charlton Smith	Mary Jo Meier
Andy McLenon	Jerry Bright
Jon Risner	Patrick McDill
Charlotte Caflisch	Jerry Weim
Lisa Richard	

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

Appointments

Library Board of Trustees – 1 Resignation – Applications extended to November 18, 2016

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission appointed Tom Sewell to the Library Board of Trustees.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

- a. Appropriations

1. A-1779

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission approved A-1779 for \$617,659.29.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

2. P-1743

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Mayor Hogsett, the commission approved P-1743 for \$125,733.56.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

Public Hearing

- b. Public hearing for North Penn Revitalization district (adjourned from a previous meeting) [CITIZENS].

This hearing was adjourned from your October 26, 2016 meeting. Attached is the plan. If the Commission wishes to proceed it is recommended that a motion be made to approve an ordinance adopting the North Penn Revitalization plan and designation of a neighborhood revitalization area; and authorize the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. The City Manager addressed a question that had been asked previously – stating that the property on Penn just South of the railroad tracks is part of the Downtown Neighborhood Revitalization District. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission adopted Ordinance 4229 adopting a North Penn Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

Presentation

- c. Presentation of Life Saver Awards to Fire/EMS personnel [CITY EMPLOYEES].

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At the meeting Public Safety Director David Cowan will present Life Saver Awards to Fire/EMS personnel who went above and beyond to save lives.

Gary Hogsett presented Life Saver Awards to Chris Furr, Bryson Zimmerman, Chad Merando, and Steve Newton.

Items for Commission Action

- d. Consider a request from FORPAZ to install an electronic sign at Penn & Oak [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

Attached is information from FORPAZ regarding an electronic sign they wish to install on the northeast corner of Penn & Oak. FORPAZ representatives will be available to review their request.

Andy McLennon presented the sign proposal to the commission.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Mayor Hogsett, the commission approved the request to put an electronic sign at Penn & Oak with it being turned over to the City at completion.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

- e. Consider partnering with the Independence Community Orchard to allow City equipment and personnel to haul off old foundations from their new site at 1400 W. Laurel [CITIZENS/QUALITY OF LIFE SYSTEM].

If the Commission will recall, this is the former Star Mill property which was offered to the City as a donation at a previous meeting. Since the City could not determine any City use of the property the City did not accept the donation. Since that time the Independence Community Orchard has acquired the property. We have received a request for assistance from the Independence Community Orchard to allow City staff to assist them with hauling off old foundations from this site at 1400 W. Laurel.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission authorized use of a City dump truck to haul debris from 1400 W Laurel to a disposal site selected by the Community Orchard.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

- f. Consider reviewing the condition of the following previously condemned structures [CITIZENS]:

1. 201 E. Main – has a new owner, Family of Christ Church.
2. 624 N. 17th – has a new owner, Charlton Smith.
3. 321 S. 14th –

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Mayor Hogsett, the commission authorized City Staff to set a date to receive bids for removal of 321 S. 14th.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

City staff will review with the Commission the above previously condemned structures.

- g. Consider scheduling a worksession with TreanorHL regarding scope of services [CITIZENS].

City staff was directed to get feedback from each Commissioner to forward to TreanorHL to assist them in finalizing a scope of work. City staff has received such feedback from two of the three Commissioners. City staff recommends setting a worksession with TreanorHL to work out the scope of services so this project can move forward. City staff and Andrew Pitts with TreanorHL would be available for a late afternoon or evening worksession on Wednesday, November 30; Monday, December 5; or Thursday, December 8, 2016. Since the Commission already has a Commission meeting scheduled for December 8, 2016 at 5:30 PM you may wish to hold the worksession prior to regular meeting if you prefer not to be tied up another evening.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Mayor Hogsett, the commission set a meeting with TreanorHL at 5:00pm on Thursday, December 8, 2016.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

- h. Consider steps to protect the City water supply.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission adopted Resolution 2016-065 declaring a water emergency and staff will implement the existing plan.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

- i. Consider a request to override the State Historic Preservation Office for a project at 117 N Penn in the Downtown Historic district.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Mayor Hogsett, the approved the request to override the State Historic Preservation Office based on all relevant factors and that there is no feasible or prudent alternative that is viable and economical for the proposed project.

Aye: Caflisch, Hogsett, Meier

Nay: None

Reports

- j. Update on City projects [CITIZENS].

City Manager Micky Webb will provide an update on City projects.

City Manager told the commission that the City has applied for a grant for an aerial, that Kelly Aerospace has asked for the City to partner with them for more work on the Roundtop, and provided an update on the apparatus bay.

- k. Report on City board minutes [CITIZENS].

Attached are the approved August 16, 2016 minutes of the Tree Board and the unapproved November 16, 2016 Independence Recreation Commission meetings.

Commission Comments

Public Concerns

Executive Session(s)

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Meier, seconded by Mayor Hogsett, the commission called a 20 minute executive session according to Kansas Statue 75-4319 (b) (1) for the purpose of personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to end at 7:20. The executive session included Mayor Hogsett, Commissioner Meier, Commissioner Caflisch.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:40.

City Staff clarified that the water emergency status currently means that businesses will be notified that we are conservation mode.

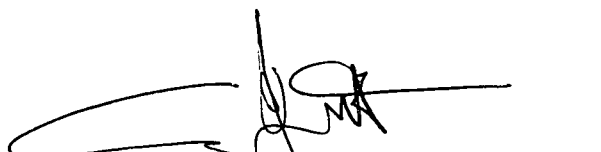
Adjournment

Motion:

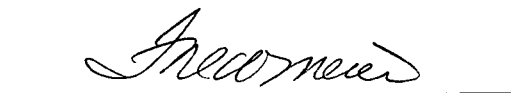
On the motion of Mayor Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Meier, the commission adjourned the meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

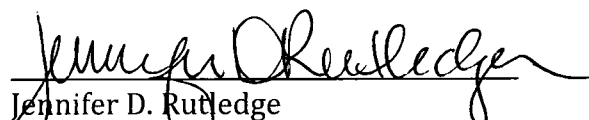


Gary Hogsett, Mayor

Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner

Fred Meier, Commissioner

Attest:



Jennifer D. Rutledge
Director of Finance/City Clerk