

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's April 14, 2017 Special Meeting.

The Independence City Commission met on April 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Mayor Fred Meier, Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch, and Commissioner Gary Hogsett were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager
Michael Borovetz, Director of Finance/City Clerk
David Cowan, Public Safety Director
Jeff Chubb, City Attorney
Terry Lybarger, Director of Utilities
Barbara Beurskens, Park & Zoo Director
April Nutt, Housing Authority Director
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief
Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief
Ed Sykes, Chief Water Plant Operator

Visitors

Larry McHugh	Anthony Royse
Chad Lawson	Jon Risner
Andy Pitts	Dean Hayse
David Traster	Kenneth Weaver
Charlotte Caflisch	Amanda Williams

Call to Order

Mayor Meier called the meeting to order.

Items for Commission Action

- a. **Update from Treanor HL regarding the steering committee and any related discussion or action.**

Andy Pitts, Treanor HL, provided a presentation to the Commission on the various options that have been put together by Treanor and the steering committee. He additionally discussed all identified City projects and how those are being considered by the committee.

- b. **Consider the preliminary draft of the water and sewer utility rate study prepared by H.W. Lochner and any related discussion or action.**

Chad Lawson, H.W. Lochner, provided a presentation to the Commission on the preliminary water rate study he had prepared. The study included three different rate evaluations: equitable consumption, increasing consumption, and decreasing consumption.

David Traster and the Commissioners discussed the basis of the study with Lawson and ask him to provide additional information on how he arrived at his proposals in the study.

The Commission directed City staff to work with Lawson to make any adjustments necessary and report back to the Commission.

Executive Session

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission called a 30 minute executive session according to Kansas Statute 75-4319 (b) (2) for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, to end at 11:09. The executive session included Mayor Meier, Commissioner Hogsett, Commissioner Caflisch, Jeff Chubb, Kelly Passauer, Terry Lybarger, David Traster and Michael Borovetz.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Mayor Meier called the meeting back to order at 11:09.

Adjournment

Motion:

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

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

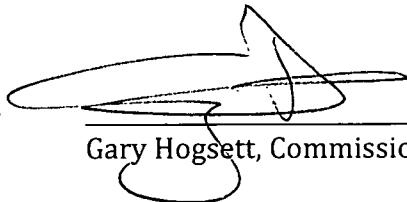
Nay: None



Fred Meier, Mayor

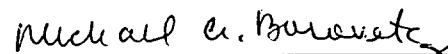


Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner



Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



Michael A. Borovetz
Director of Finance/City Clerk