Minutes of the Independence City Commission's October 25, 2017 Meeting

The Independence City Commission met on October 25, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner Fred Meier and Commissioner Gary Hogsett were present. Others present included:

City Staff
Craig Whitehead, City Manager
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
April Nutt, Housing Authority Director
Don Cushing, Building Inspector
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief

Visitors
Larry McHugh
Amanda Williams
Charlotte Caflisch
Trisha Purdon
Zane Lawrence
Jon Risner

Call to Order

Mayor Meier called the meeting order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

City Licenses

A. The following businesses have recently applied for City licenses:
1. **Kansas Secured Title, Inc. – 319 N. Penn – Tonya Haga, Director**
2. **Uretek Missouri, Inc. – Pleasant Valley, MO -- Joshua Burcaw, President**
3. **Premier Electric – Parsons, KS -- Jared Swayze, Owner**
4. **Cillessen & Sons, Inc. – Kechi, KS -- Robert Cillessen, Vice President**
5. **Comfort Inn & Suites – 3000 W. Main St. – Delip Patel, Owner**
6. **Jason Eytcheson Painting & Drywall – 3301 Crown Drive – Jason Eytcheson, Owner**
7. **Redbud Oil & Gas Operating – 211 W. Myrtle – Tom Kaetzer, Owner**
8. **Tim the Toolman – 101 W. Maple, Apt #2 – Tim Christense, Owner.**

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

A. Appropriations
1. **A-1801**
2. **P-1768**

B. Consider an ordinance amending previous boundary ordinances and establishing the legal boundaries for the City of Independence.
C. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support to the Kansas State Historical Society for a restoration grant for the William Inge Home located at 514 N. 4th Street.
D. Consider authorizing an Officers Down 5K Run at Riverside Park on May 12, 2018.
E. Consider setting the date of December 7, 2017 at 2 PM to receive bids for chemicals for the water treatment plant.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission approved the Consent Agenda.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Items for Commission Action

A. Consider rescinding condemnation action for a previously condemned structure located at 2905 Regency Drive.

Don Cushing, Building Inspector, informed the Commission that all of the damage to the structure caused by a fire had been repaired and he is recommending rescinding condemnation of the property.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission adopted a resolution rescinding previous condemnation resolutions for 2905 Regency Drive.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

B. Consider approving an Official Statement on Montgomery County Action Council's effort to recruit Tyson Foods.

Trisha Purdon, MCAC Director, addressed the Commission and provided an update on the recruitment of Tyson Foods to Montgomery County. The proposed Coffeyville location is among three finalists in the state of Kansas for the new plant. She said that it would bring in 1600 jobs to the area at higher wages than Amazon or Southwest Wire. She also noted that the unemployment rate for Montgomery County last month was 5.7%. Bringing in Tyson would also include adding hatcheries with area ranchers within a 50 to 60-mile radius of the proposed Tyson plant in the Coffeyville Industrial

Park. She stated that they are in the information gathering stage and should have a decision the first part of 2018.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission approved the Official Statement of support for the Tyson Food's poultry processing plant that may locate in Montgomery County and the City of Coffeyville.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

C. Consider a request from Netflix to authorize the use of 401 N. Pennsylvania Avenue for musical performances during the Neewollah festival; and for the Mayor to sign location agreements for filming activities at 401 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Riverside Park and Ralph Mitchell Zoo.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the Commission authorized the use of 401 N. Pennsylvania for musical performances during the Neewollah festival; and for the Mayor to sign location agreements for filming activities at 401 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Riverside Park and Ralph Mitchell Zoo pending receipt of certificates of insurance and City Attorney review.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

D. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement for the North Penn Neighborhood Revitalization Plan(s) as modified by Montgomery County.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission approved the modifications to the interlocal agreement as presented by the Montgomery County Commission and authorized the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Commissioner Comments

There were no Commissioner Comments for this meeting

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Public Concerns

There were no Public Concerns for this meeting

Executive Session

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission moved to recess executive session for consultation with the City Attorney regarding a legal issue pursuant to the attorney client privilege exception (KSA 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume at 6:08 p.m. in the Veteran's Room of the Memorial Hall. The executive session included Mayor Meier, Commissioner Hogsett, Commissioner Caflisch, Jeff Chubb, Craig Whitehead, and Kelly Passauer.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Mayor Meier called the meeting back to order at 6:08.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission moved to recess executive session for discussion of an employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception (KSA 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume at 6:29 p.m. in the Veteran's Room of the Memorial Hall. The executive session included Mayor Meier, Commissioner Hogsett, Commissioner Caflisch, and Craig Whitehead.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Mayor Meier called the meeting back to order at 6:29.

Adjournment

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, 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