

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's December 28, 2017 Meeting

The Independence City Commission met on December 28, 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

Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager
Michael Borovetz, Director of Finance/City Clerk
David Cowan, Public Safety Director
Jeff Chubb, City Attorney
Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief
Mike Passauer, Director of Public Works
Terry Lybarger, Director of Utilities
April Nutt, Housing Authority Director
Don Cushing, Building Inspector
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief

Visitors

Larry McHugh	Mary Jo Meier
Amanda Williams	Ned Stichman
Andy Taylor	Dean Hayse
Robert Meadows	

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

A. Appropriations

1. A-1805
2. P-1772
3. P-1773

B. Consider the following Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses:

1. AKAS Inc. DBA Jumpstart #2 – 3024 W. Main Street
2. Casey's Retail Company – 1305 N. Penn Avenue
3. G & W Foods #2747 – 416 W. Myrtle Street
4. Gramp's Tavern – 811 N. 11th Street
5. Jiffy Mart – 600 W. Main Street
6. Mikie's C Store Inc. – 1901 N. Penn Avenue
7. Steve Johnson – 2021 W. Main Street
8. Pizza Hut of SE Kansas – 1815 N. Penn Avenue
9. Walgreens #09454

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- 10. Walmart Store #2893
- 11. Western Plains DBA Jumpstart – 401 W. Main Street
- C. Consider authorizing donating ten (10) unclaimed bicycles to the Howard Rotary Club for their Angel Tree Project.
- D. Consider extending the timeframe to meet the conditions of a conditional use permit for a supplementary parking lot at the southwest corner of Wald Avenue and Myrtle Street.
- E. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a release of condemnation resolution as it pertains to 229 South Earl Street.

Motion:

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

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Public Hearings

- A. Public Hearing to consider amending the 2017 approved budget.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. Mike Borovetz gave an overview of the proposed amended 2017 budget, increasing approved spending for the Liability Insurance and Education Sales Tax Funds. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the Commission approved the amended 2017 budget.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- B. Public Hearing to consider condemnation of 725 N. Penn Avenue as dangerous and unsafe.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. Don Cushing discussed the progress of the improvements of the property with the owner and wants a plan on the repair or removal of the garage. He recommended adjourning the public hearing to the January 25th meeting. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

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Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission adjourned the public hearing for 725 N. Penn to the January 25th Commission meeting.

Aye: Caflich, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Items for Commission Action

A. Consider directing the Planning Commission to review and recommend text amendments relating to the following:

1. Recreational vehicles, 5th wheels and travel trailers that are occupied;
2. Tiny houses;
3. Food trucks;
4. Attention-attracting devices and electronic signs;
5. Gravel parking lots; and
6. Downtown signage.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflich, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission directed the Planning Commission to review and recommend text amendments for those six items referenced.

Aye: Caflich, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Reports

A. City Board Minutes

1. August 22, 2017 Independence Historic Preservation and Resource Commission
2. September 26, 2017 Independence Historic Preservation and Resource Commission

Commissioner Comments

Mayor Meier commented that at the December 5th meeting on the City Hall project that there were some discussion on energy upgrades to Building D and he had asked City staff to look into operational costs of the City Hall project and those at Building D. Mike Borovetz stated that in conversations with Treanor on the City Hall and Public Safety project, estimated utility costs should run around \$105K per year. He noted that currently the utility costs for Building D were running around \$270K per year but, based on preliminary

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analysis of Phase 1 electrical upgrades in addition to the new natural gas contract that goes into effect in January, the utility costs for Building D could go down by \$60-65K per year. He added that these numbers were preliminary as the analysis was not complete but the electrical upgrade project would be presented in February to the Commission with accurate savings estimates for the Commissioners to consider in making a decision on the project.

Public Concerns

There were no Public Concerns for this meeting

Executive Session

There were no Executive Sessions for this meeting

Adjournment

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the Commission adjourned the meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

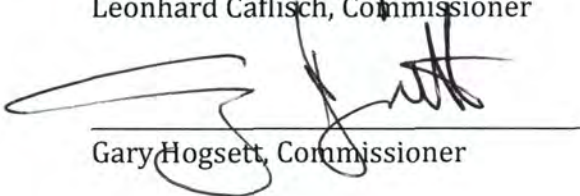
Nay: None



Fred Meier, Mayor

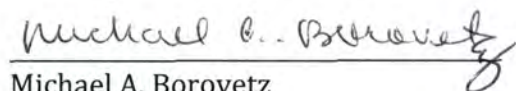


Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner



Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



Michael A. Borovetz
Director of Finance/City Clerk