

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's January 8, 2018 Meeting

The Independence City Commission met on January 8, 2018, at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner Fred Meier, Commissioner Gary Hogsett, and incoming Commissioner Louis Ysusi 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
April Nutt, Housing Authority Director
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief

Visitors

Larry McHugh	Michelle Anderson
Amanda Williams	Jim Thornber
Andy Taylor	Lisa Paige
Kathy Shepard	Mary Jo Meier
Charlotte Caflisch	Barb Emert
Brandy Benedict	Eenie Fitzpatrick
Judy Ysusi	Charles Barker
Jerry Bright	Tabitha Snodgrass
Debbie Miller	Dave Bannwarth
Patrick Crowell	Melinda Miller
Crystal Crowell	Craig Whitehead
Bobbie Belt	Sandy Whitehead

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 Agenda

Motion:

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

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

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Old Business

A. Appointments

1. Planning Commission – 3 terms expired

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission re-appointed Barbara Emert and appointed John Koschin as inside City appointments; and re-appointed Andy McLenon as outside City appointment to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

2. IHPRC – 3 terms expired

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the Commission re-appointed Tim Emert, Sean Clapp and Ken Brown to the Independence Historic Preservation Resource Commission.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- #### B. Consider minutes of the December 5, 2017, December 14, 2017 and December 28, 2017 meetings.

Motion:

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

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- #### C. Recognition and appreciation of outgoing Mayor and Commissioner Fred Meier.

Commissioner Caflisch and Commissioner Hogsett recognized outgoing Mayor Meier service to the City and presented him with a plaque of recognition and also a caricature created by Steve McBride.

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New Business

A. Reorganization of the Commission

- 1. Oath of Office – Leonhard Caflisch (4-year term) and Louis Ysusi (2-year term)**

Michael Borovetz, City Clerk, swore in re-elected Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch and incoming Commissioner Louis Ysusi.

- 2. Election of Mayor**

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission appointed Commissioner Caflisch as Mayor.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

- 3. Election of Vice Mayor**

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Mayor Caflisch, the Commission appointed Commissioner Ysusi as Vice Mayor.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

- 4. Designation of Official City Newspaper**

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Mayor Caflisch, the Commission designated the Independence Daily Reporter as the official newspaper of the City.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

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5. Designation of Official City Depository

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission designated Community National Bank as the official depository of the City.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

6. Consider changing day of the week and time for Commission meetings

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission approved to use the dates set at the December 14th meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

A. Appropriations

1. A-1806
2. P-1774

Motion:

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

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Presentations

A. Recognition of Animal Control Office Charlie Benedict for his performance in the line of duty.

Police Chief Jerry Harrison and City Commissioners presented Officer Benedict a certificate of recognition for his life-saving actions in the line of duty.

B. Recognition of citizen Patrick Crowell for assisting a struggling officer.

Police Chief Jerry Harrison and City Commissioners present citizen Patrick Crowell a certificate of recognition for volunteering to risk his safety to assist an officer in a violent confrontation.

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Items for Commission Action

- A. Consider proclaiming January 14, 2018 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Louis, the Commission proclaimed January 14, 2018 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day and authorized the Mayor to sign the proclamation.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

- B. Consider co-sponsoring an anti-racism training sponsored by the Independence Diversity Taskforce scheduled for April 14, 2018 at Memorial Hall.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission approved to co-sponsor the Diversity Taskforce anti-racism training on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Civic Center.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

- C. Consider authorizing the sale of firearms, ammunition, and equipment to other Kansas law enforcement agencies.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission authorized the Independence Police Department to sell or trade weapons, ammunition, and equipment deemed surplus by the Independence Police Chief to other Kansas law enforcement agencies, in accordance with all applicable laws.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Reports

- A. 3rd Quarter Treasurers Statement
B. City Boards
1. December 20, 2017 Recreation Commission Minutes

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Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Ysusi stated that he was honored to be sitting as a commissioner. He noted that he was new to this and asked for patience.

Mayor Caflisch said he wanted to schedule a work session for the Commissioners and City Manager Craig Whitehead so that they could communicate outside of the agenda of a regular meeting and develop a team and establish a direction for the City. He wanted to get it scheduled for January but Commissioner Hogsett wasn't going to be available so Caflisch asked the Commissioners to get with Kelly Passauer on available dates so she could communicate with Whitehead to get the work session scheduled.

Public Concerns

Debbie Miller addressed the Commission and stated the citizens of Independence for years had paid millions of dollars for the salary and benefits of City employees but they had been betrayed by the negligence of former City Managers Paul Sasse and Micky Webb. The citizens will now have to pay millions more for mandated ADA improvements and for deferred maintenance to City Hall and the water treatment facility. She noted the real blame is on previous City Commissioners who did not set clear expectations for City Managers. She went on to say it was up to this Commission to give directives to Craig Whitehead and set clear expectations.

Executive Session

There were no Executive Sessions for this meeting

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Adjournment

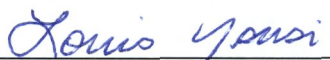
Motion:

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

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

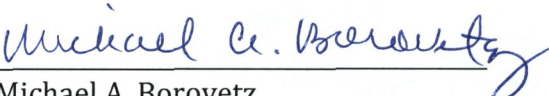


Leonhard Caflisch, Mayor

Louis Ysusi, Commissioner

Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



Michael A. Borovetz
Director of Finance/City Clerk