

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's February 22, 2018 Meeting

The Independence City Commission met on February 22, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner Louis Ysusi 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
Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief
Mike Passauer, Director of Public Works
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief
Tim Townley, Police Officer

Visitors

Jerry Bright	Doug Stacy
Debbie Miller	Dorcus Sutton
Robert Meadows	Ned Stichman
Becky Mitchell	Dean Hayse
Ryan Milligan	Judy Ysusi
Shawn Turner	Lisa Richard
Brian Williams	Brian McHugh
Dennis Pinkerton	Amanda Williams

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

Appointments

A. Park Board – 1 resignation – Applications due February 15, 2018

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission appointed Mardie Long for the vacant position on the Park Board.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

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Adoption of the Amended Agenda

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission approved the Amended Agenda.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

A. Appropriations

1. A-1809
2. P-1777

B. Consider minutes from the January 8 and 25, 2018 City Commission meetings.

C. Consider authorizing blocking portions of West Maple Street and South 8th Street around the Booth Hotel on April 21, 2018 from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM for prom walk-in.

D. Consider authorizing blocking the 100 block of West Myrtle Street every Saturday from 7 AM to 11 AM from May through August of 2018 for the Independence Farmers Market.

E. Consider authorizing the purchase of a mower for the Cemetery.

F. Consider approving a cereal malt beverage license for Taqueria Mexicana located at 111 E. Laurel Street.

Motion:

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

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Presentations

A. Presentation by Montgomery County Collaboration Partnership representatives.

Kendall Francis, Coffeyville City Manager; Brooke Carroll, Cherryvale City

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Administrator; and Fred Gress, Caney City Administrator provided the Commission a background to the activities and purpose of the Montgomery County Collaboration Partnership comprised of Montgomery County, Independence, Coffeyville, Cherryvale and Caney.

B. Presentation by Labette Health President and CEO Brian Williams regarding the economic development grant requirements and a status update on the Independence Healthcare Center.

Brian Williams and Becky Mitchell of Labette Health updated the Commission on its performance on the requirements of the economic development grant and also the overall performance of the facility since opening in July 2017.

Debbie Miller, Independence resident, also spoke saying she was glad Labette Health was here and they had stepped up to provide healthcare in Independence with little help from the City at a time Independence was losing its hospital. She also noted that former Mayor Fred Meier had voted against a request from Labette Health for \$200,000 to purchase medical equipment at a June 2017 Commission meeting because of concerns with the contract with Jane Phillips Medical Center. She believes that the City should level the playing field when dealing with all health care providers in Independence.

Items for Commission Action

A. Consider proclaiming Employee Recognition Day on March 2, 2018.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission proclaimed March 2, 2018 as Employee Recognition Day.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

B. Consider authorizing the removal of east/west stop signs on Maple Street at Penn Avenue.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission denied the request to remove the stop sign at Penn and Maple, east west direction.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

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C. Consider authorizing purchase of 2017 95' Aerial Platform Fire Truck and receipt of proposals for financing.

City Manager Craig Whitehead informed the Commission that the fire truck being presented had already been sold by the vendor prior to the meeting and was no longer available.

No action was taken on this item.

D. Consider a text amendment to the zoning code; specifically, Article VIII, Sign Regulations, Section 803.6

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission adopted an ordinance modifying Ordinance No. 4252 to include changing Section 803.6.b.3. to *"Comply with and follow all requirements and standards designated for their use as set forth in Section 802.5.c."*

Aye: Caflich, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Reports

- A. Report on asset forfeiture data by the Independence Police Department.
- B. 2017 Annual Report
- C. City Board Minutes
 - 1. November 7, 2017 Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes

Extra Item

- A. Consider approving an agreement between the City Of Independence and the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department Of Transportation (KDOT) for an Economic Development Grant of \$300,000 for the Peter Pan Road Extension.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Independence.

Aye: Caflich, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

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Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hogsett asked about the Tree City USA application and he understood that it was urgent the Commission sign the application. City staff stated it was not urgent.

Hogsett also asked about the complaint received on meeting notifications and City staff noted that it was resolved.

Hogsett discussed the Ask Your Commish newspaper article and how the Commissioners were going to handle this. Mayor Caflisch said they could have a number in order that they would right the article and rotate by week.

Commissioner Ysusi asked the time line with Treanor on City Hall. Craig Whitehead said he had talked with Andy Pitts today and that he should have something back next week.

Ysusi also asked about the data from Westar on the meters at Building D. Mike Borovetz said that he was meeting with Kari West next week.

Mayor Caflisch discussed the 1916 City Hall phase I and some of the items that were noted in the budget. He gave some items to Whitehead who will pass those on to Treanor.

Public Concerns:

Debbie Miller, spoke on Presentation Item # A following the presentation by Labette Health.

Executive Session:

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission recessed for an executive session for consultation with the City's attorney regarding a contract dispute pursuant to the attorney/client privilege exception KSA 75-4319 (b)(2).

The open meeting will resume at 8:10 p.m. in the Veteran's Room of Memorial Hall.

Those invited to the attend are the City Commissioners, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Mayor Caflisch called the meeting back to open session at 8:10 p.m.

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Adjournment

Motion:

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

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None



Leonhard Caflisch, Mayor

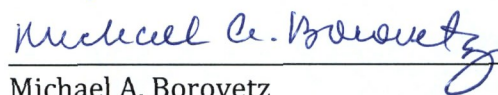


Louis Ysusi, Commissioner



Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



Michael A. Borovetz
Director of Finance/City Clerk