

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's July 16, 2019 Special Meeting

The Independence City Commission met for a special meeting on July 16, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. in the Veterans Room at the Memorial Hall. Mayor Louis Ysusi, Commissioner Gary Hogsett and Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager
David Schwenker, City Clerk/City Treasurer
Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief
Mike Passauer, Public Works Director
Barb Beurskens, Park and Zoo Director
David Cowan, Director of Public Safety
Lacey Lies, Director of Finance
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief
April Nutt, Director of Housing Authority
Brian McHugh, Memorial Hall Supervisor
Terry Lybarger, Director of Utilities

Visitors

Ellie Davis
Anthony Royse
Jon Risner

I. SPECIAL SESSION

A. Call to Order

Mayor Ysusi called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

II. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. General discussion moving forward with the search and selection of the City Manager and related topics.

The Mayor said the he looked at the proposal from the League of Kansas Municipalities and asked if there were other avenues to search for possible candidates.

Commissioner Caflisch noted that the cost is significantly less than using a private search company and was satisfied with the options the League had presented the last time the City did a search.

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Commissioner Hogsett added that if the Commissioners don't like any of the candidates the League will continue to look.

Mayor Ysusi asked if the other Commissioners were happy with the quality of the candidates they received before.

Commissioner Caflisch said he was confident that the League provided a good list of candidates.

Mayor Ysusi asked how extensive the background check is.

Commissioner Caflisch noted that the League conducts all the KBI and legal background checks, but it ultimately comes down to the Commissioners to do the final vetting.

Assistant City manager Passauer went over how the citizen and staff groups met with each candidate previously when the League organized the search and then each participant completed individual reviews with comments that were collected and forwarded to Nikki at the League. There was not a vote of the group.

Commissioner Caflisch added that he did not see a weakness in what the League provided them in the past and nothing was done without the approval of the Commissioners.

Mayor Ysusi asked if the other Commissioners felt pressure to select a candidate.

Commissioners Hogsett and Caflisch said the pressure was put on themselves.

Mayor Ysusi said he would get together with Nikki Harrison at the League office to schedule a time that all parties are convenient with.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

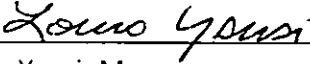
Motion:

Mayor Ysusi moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hogsett seconded.

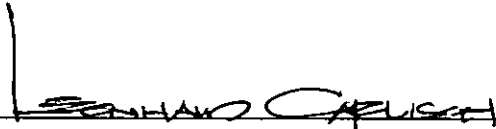
Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hogsett

Nay: None

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Louis Ysusi, Mayor

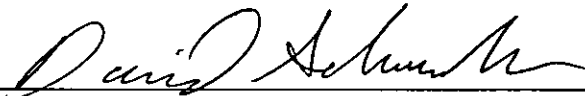


Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner



Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



City Clerk/Treasurer