

## **Minutes of the Independence City Commission's February 8, 2018 Meeting**

The Independence City Commission met on February 8, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch and Commissioner Louis Ysusi were present. Commissioner Gary Hogsett was not 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  
Terry Lybarger, Director of Utilities  
Barb Beurskens, Director of Parks & Zoo  
Barry Beurskens, Fire Captain  
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief  
Christina Johnson, Police Officer  
Pat Pomeroy, Fire/EMS  
Josh Cavaness, Fire/EMS  
Jonathan Booe, Fire/EMS  
Wyatt Keal, Fire/EMS  
Drew Rising, Fire/EMS  
Ranelle Rice, Fire/EMS  
Crystal Taylor, Fire/EMS  
Stacy Rexwinkle, Fire/EMS

### **Visitors**

Jerry Bright	Janis Fuller
Debbie Miller	Ken Brown
Dorcas Sutton	Dean Hayse
Ned Stichman	Amanda Cavaness
Robert Meadows	Tim Haynes
Charlotte Caflisch	Larry McHugh
Ken Fuller	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

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Adoption of the Agenda

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Mayor Cafilisch, the Commission approved the Agenda

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi

Nay: None

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

A. Appropriations

1. A-1808
2. P-1776

B. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the AWOL contract for 2018.

C. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with KDOT to participate in the voluntary Federal Fund Exchange Program.

This item was moved to Items for Commission Action.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Mayor Cafilisch, the Commission approved the agreement with KDOT.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi

Nay: None

D. Consider authorizing the 10th Annual Blake Bertie Triathlon on August 11, 2018.

E. Consider approving bids received for a 2017 Toyota Tacoma from Quality Toyota for use in the zoo; and a 2016 Ford Transit Van from Quality Motors for use in the park.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Cafilisch, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission approved the Consent Agenda excluding Item C.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi

Nay: None



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### Presentations

A. Presentation of Lifesaving Awards to Stacy Rexwinkle, Jason Hein, Josh Cavaness, Wyatt Keal and Jonathan Booe. Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief, and the Commissioners presented Lifesaving Awards to Stacy Rexwinkle, Jason Hein, Josh Cavaness, Wyatt Keal and Jonathan Booe for their efforts in resuscitation of two patients. Crystal Taylor accepted the award for Jason Hein.

### Items for Commission Action

A. Consider a request from the Independence Historic Preservation and Resource Commission to use funds remaining from the Downtown Cultural Arts Advisory Board to produce downtown historic landmark signs; these funds, however, were designated for statue related expenditures under the recommendation of the Downtown Cultural Arts Advisory Board.

### Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Mayor Cafilisch, the Commission approved to repurpose the use of up to \$2,000 in the Downtown Cultural Arts Advisory Board Statue Reserve Fund for downtown historic landmark signs contingent on the that the Downtown Cultural Arts Board will be notified of this request and if they are in objection they will need to provide such objection in writing within 30 days; and the understanding that funds will be replenished by a private party if needed for future installation, plaques, lighting, maintenance or grant matches for downtown statues.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi

Nay: None

### Reports

- A. City Board Minutes  
1. January 17, 2018 Recreation Commission Minutes

### Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Ysusi discussed his handout a previous meeting regarding EMS struggles nationwide. He visited with Craig Whitehead about the exit interview process of the City so we can understand why people are leaving. Whitehead agreed that the exit interview process was important and the City has changed the process and it will go through HR going forward. Whitehead also noted that changes in Kansas law regarding requirements for paramedics

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allows them to become RN's with one more year of training. Mayor Cafilisch stated that EMS is at a premium and they can go a lot of places. He said if you take out captains, the average tenure is around 2 years. Whitehead noted that the average working life of a paramedic is 4 years for the career. Cafilisch said that maybe the City should look at hiring specifically for the position firefighter and EMS separately.

Mayor Cafilisch asked about the bid date of the Peter Pan extension. Kelly Passauer said that she thought it would be in spring to early summer and construction in the fall. She will find out for sure and let them know.

Mayor Cafilisch talked about the Access Management Plan. He said the last word was that language for the agreement would be provided soon. He also talked about alleys from Mikies to Casey's were in bad shape and the City could use the plan to fix them but the agreement would need to be signed first.

### Public Concerns:

Dean Hayse addressed the Commission and read a prepared statement regarding the City Hall project.

Ned Stichman addressed the Commission to visit about the condemned property at 725 N. Penn. He stated that years ago, the Housing Authority found money to repair a structure on 8<sup>th</sup> Street that had a fire. He thought it would be good if they could do that again on this property, saying the property is nice enough to at least investigate on how the structure could be saved.

### Executive Session:

There were no Executive Sessions for this meeting



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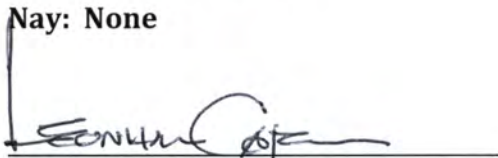
**Adjournment**

**Motion:**

**On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Mayor Caflisch, the commission adjourned the meeting.**

**Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi**

**Nay: None**



Leonhard Caflisch, Mayor

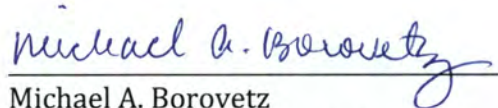


Louis Ysusi, Commissioner



Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



Michael A. Borovetz  
Director of Finance/City Clerk