

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

The Independence City Commission met on March 22, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Commissioner Leonhard Cafilisch, 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
Tim Emert, City Attorney
Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief
Terry Lybarger, Director of Utilities
Mike Passauer, Director of Public Works
April Nutt, Director of Independence Housing Authority
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief
Barb Beurskens, Director of Park & Zoo
Barry Beurskens, Fire Captain
Don Cushing, Building Inspector
Ryan Mauersberger, Fire/EMS
Jonathan Johnson, Fire/EMS

Visitors

Larry McHugh	N. Andrews
Amanda Williams	John Penrose
Andy Taylor	Pat Pomeroy
Charlotte Cafilisch	Ashley Osburn
Ned Stichman	Bruce Peterson
Dorcus Sutton	David Schwenker
Joe Thornton	Harold Baden
Jerry Bright	Wyatt Keal
Christina Tinsley	Josh Goodman
Lance Tinsley	Beth Goodman
Larry Kaiser	Tony Royse
Nancy Kaiser	Josh Cavaness
Jean Barnett	Gayle Holum
Robert Meadows	Butch Holum
Charles Wells	Dean Hayse
Judith Wells	Judith Ysusi

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

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Executive Session:

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Cafilisch, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission recessed for an executive session for consultation with the City Attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b)(2).

The open meeting will resume at 5:55 p.m. in the Veteran's Room of Memorial Hall.

Those in attendance are the Commissioners, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney Tim Emert

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Mayor Cafilisch called the meeting back to open session at 5:55 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission adopted the agenda and moved up Presentations and Reports to before the Consent Agenda.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Presentation

A. Present Lifesaving Awards to Fire/EMS employees Ryan Mauersberger and Jonathan Johnson.

Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief, and the Commissioners presented Lifesaving Awards to Independence Fire/EMS staff Ryan Mauersberger and Jonathan Johnson.

Reports

A. Report on 2016 Audit

Ashley Osburn and David Schwenker of Yerkes & Michels presented the 2016 City Audit to the Commission, providing an overview of the audit and the audit findings.

Following the presentation, the Commission, City Manager Craig Whitehead, and Director of Finance Mike Borovetz discussed the findings and the City's Corrective Action Plan. Mayor Cafilisch asked that status report and update be provided to the Commission on the Corrective Action Plan by City staff.

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- B. City Board Minutes**
 - 1. February 6, 2018 Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes**

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

- A. Appropriations**
 - 1. A-1811**
 - 2. P-1779**

- B. Consider minutes of the February 1 and 8, 2018 City Commission Meetings.**

- C. Consider authorizing Astra Arts Festival to utilize the sidewalks in the downtown area for the purpose of artisans to perform demonstrations, entertain, and to showcase their artistry July 6-8, 2018; and closing of West Laurel Street from North Penn Avenue to North 8th Street from 10:30 AM, July 7th until 2 AM, July 8th for live entertainment.**

Motion:

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

Aye: Caflich, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Public Hearings

- A. Public Hearings to consider condemnation of the following structures as dangerous and unsafe:**
 - 1. 606 Fountain Street**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission condemned the property at 606 Fountain Street as dangerous and unsafe.

Aye: Caflich, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

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2. 812 S. 5th Street

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. Don Cushing, Building Inspector, stated that the owner was getting bids for removal of the property. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission condemned the property at 812 S 5th Street as dangerous and unsafe.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

3. 1320 W. Locust Street

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission condemned the property at 1320 W Locust Street as dangerous and unsafe.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

4. 1110 W. Main Street

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. Don Cushing noted that the property had sold and the new owner was making repairs to the property but it was not finished. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission condemned the property at 1110 W Main Street as dangerous and unsafe.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

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5. 721 S. 18th Street

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission condemned the property at 721 S 18th Street as dangerous and unsafe.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Mayor Cafilisch called for a recess at 7:10 p.m. and return at 7:16 p.m.

Items for Commission Action

A. Consider setting the date of May 24, 2018 at 5:30 PM for a public hearing to consider condemnation of the following structures as dangerous and unsafe:

1. 221 S. 15th Street

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission set the date of May 24, 2018 for a public hearing to consider condemnation of the structures located at 221 S 15th Street.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

2. 419 S. 2nd Street

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission set the date of May 24, 2018 for a public hearing to consider condemnation of the structures located at 419 S 2nd Street.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

3. 905 W. Sycamore Street

Don Cushing informed the Commission that property had been sold to a new owner who is located in Wyoming.

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Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission set the date of May 24, 2018 for a public hearing to consider condemnation of the structures located at 905 W Sycamore Street.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

B. Consider proclaiming April 3, 2018 as National Service Recognition Day.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission proclaimed April 3, 2018 as National Service Recognition Day and authorized the Mayor to sign the proclamation.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

C. Consider proclaiming April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission proclaimed April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and authorized the Mayor to sign the proclamation.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

D. Consider approval of the proposed 2018 ADA projects.

Shawn Turner, Transsystems, and David Cowan, Director of Public Safety Director, discussed the proposed 2018 ADA projects with the Commission.

The following Independence residents also addressed the Commission on specific portions of the proposed ADA projects:

- Joe Thornton – Handicap parking for 8th and Main**
- Ned Stichman – ADA ramps at Cypress and Irving; ADA ramps at the Riverside Park oval**
- Larry Kaiser – ADA ramps and adjoining parking at Cypress and Irving**

This item was tabled until an engineering agreement by Transsystems is completed and will be brought to Commission for consideration.

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- E. Consider appointing nine members to the Community-based Strategic Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission appointed the following individuals to the Community-based Strategic Planning Advisory Committee, as proposed by each Commission member.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

The Commissioners appointed the following individuals to serve on the Community-based Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (each Commissioner selected three members):

- Commissioner Ysusi – Mike Baldesaro, Pastor Michael Rose, Jean Barnett
- Mayor Cafilisch – Pastor Brandee Mimitraiem, Jerry Bright, Philipp Umlauf
- Commissioner Hogsett – Dean Hayse, Tim White, Rick Mott

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hogsett said that he had been catching heat on property appraisals. Tim Emert stated that they go off comps in determining appraised values and Mike Borovetz noted that they can go through an appeals process with the County Appraiser.

Commissioner Ysusi asked when they would be hearing from Andy Pitts on City Hall. Craig Whitehead stated that they were having time getting both Andy and Vance here for a meeting but was trying to get it set up in April.

Ysusi also asked about whether Borovetz had met with Westar. He stated that he had not been able to get that scheduled but was working on coordinating that for April.

Mayor Cafilisch said that he had looked through the proposal sent by Andy Pitts and they are charging way too much upfront to not get anything done. He had looked some old agreements and was going to get that to Whitehead.

Cafilisch also noted that previous conversations on the Fire/EMS that the county is not planning on hiring a consultant so the City should move forward with that on its own.

Public Concerns:

Three Public Concerns were all heard in Item for Commission Action, Item D.

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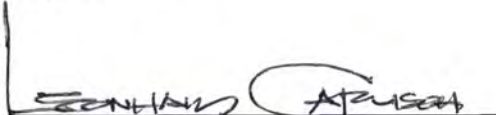
Adjournment

Motion:

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

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett


Nay: None



Leonhard Cafilisch, Mayor

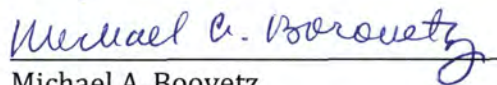


Louis Ysusi, Commissioner



Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



Michael A. Boovetz
Director of Finance/City Clerk