

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's April 12, 2018 Meeting

The Independence City Commission met on April 12, 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
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
Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief
Barb Beurskens, Director of Park & Zoo
Ryan Mauersberger, Fire/EMS
Josh Cavaness, Fire/EMS
Hilary Cook, Police Officer
Devin Mendoza, Police Officer

Visitors

Larry McHugh	Kris Kippenbaugh
Amanda Williams	Ryan Milligan
Charlotte Caflisch	Ned Stichman
Aaron Cook	Dustin Darrow
Elaina Knisley	Steve Denny
Robert Meadows	Lisa Richard
Jerry Bright	Dorcus Sutton
Charles Wells	B Mendoza
Judith Wells	Allen Lawson
Larry Kaiser	Tom Nelson
Gina Edwards	Shawn Turner
Janis Fuller	

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

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Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission adopted the agenda.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Appointments

- 1. Housing Authority - Two terms expire April 11, 2018 - One eligible for reappointment**
- 2. Library Board - Two terms expire May 1, 2018 - One eligible for reappointment**

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

A. Appropriations

- 1. A-1812**
- 2. P-1780**
- 3. P-1781**

B. Consider minutes of the February 22nd, March 6th, March 8th, and March 15th, 2018 City Commission Meetings.

C. Consider a request from R-Turn for a detour of traffic on US 75 inside the City for beautification of the railroad trestle located at Pennsylvania Avenue and Parkhurst Avenue as needed between May 12th and the end of June.

D. Consider quotes for asbestos removal at 519 N. 16th, 1124 W. Maple, 716 S. 6th, 1001 N. 18th Pl, and 800 S. 5th.

E. Consider waiving the park curfew on the evening of April 13, 2018 for Chris Cakes of Wichita to stay overnight in the park in preparation for a fund-raising event for Cherish Our Children on April 14, 2018 as part of the FORPAZ Park Opening.

F. Consider closing Parkhurst from Penn Avenue to 6th Street on April 28, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This item was moved to Items for Commission Action

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Motion

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission approved closing Parkhurst from Penn Avenue to 6th Street on April 27 and April 28, 2018 from 7 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Aye: Caflich, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission approved the Consent Agenda except for Item F.

Aye: Caflich, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Presentations

- A. Present Lifesaving Awards to Fire/EMS employees Ryan Mauersberger and Josh Cavaness; and Caney Police Officer/EMT Rusty Cashman.**

Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief, and the Commissioners presented Lifesaving Awards to Independence Fire/EMS staff Ryan Mauersberger and Josh Cavaness. Caney Police Officer Rusty Cashman was also recognized but was not in attendance for the meeting.

- B. Swear in new Police Officers, Hilary Cook and Devin Mendoza.**

Jerry Harrison, Police Chief, introduced new Independence Police Officers Hilary Cook and Devin Mendoza. Mike Borovetz, City Clerk, swore in both officers.

- C. Presentation by Four County Mental Health Center to inform the Commission about its current substance use treatment and prevention activities.**

Steve Denny, Four County Mental Health, made a presentation to the Commission to describe their substance use treatment and prevention activities.

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Items for Commission Action

- A. Consider approving a cereal malt beverage license for AKAS 1 LLC located at 3024 W. Main Street.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission approved a cereal malt beverage license for AKAS 1 LLC located at 3024 W. Main Street.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

- B. Consider a request for permission to submit bids for a used fire truck on Purple Wave.

Craig Whitehead, City Manager, informed the Commission that the City had been made aware of information regarding the reason the fire truck had been put up for sale. In discussion with the Commission, City staff will continue to research the fire truck and report back at the April 26th meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

- C. Consider a proclamation declaring April 8th through the 14th of 2018 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Independence.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission proclaimed April 8th through the 14th of 2018 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Independence.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

- D. Consider an agreement between the City of Independence and TranSystems for the North Peter Pan Improvement Economic Development Project.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission approved the engineering agreement with TranSystems for the North Peter Pan Improvement Economic Development project.

Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

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- E. Consider a change order for the negotiated portion of the North Peter Pan Improvement Project.**

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission approved a change order with B & B Bridge Company, LLC prepared by TranSystems for the negotiated portion of the North Peter Pan Improvement project.

Aye: Caflich, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

- F. Consider approving an agreement between the City of Independence and TranSystems for the 2018 ADA Project.**

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hogsett, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi, the Commission approved the engineering agreement with TranSystems for the 2018 ADA Project.

Aye: Caflich, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

- G. Consider approving the 2018 ADA projects and permission to do the final design and go out for bid.**

Larry Kaiser, Independence resident, told the Commission that he had no objections for the improvements being considered for the intersection of Irving and Cypress.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Caflich, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission approved giving permission for the 2018 ADA projects as presented for final design and return to the Commission for approval to bid.

Aye: Caflich, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

- H. Consider approving a request for an electronic sign in a residential district from Truth Tabernacle UPC Incorporated to be located at 1825 N. 10th Street.**

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Motion:

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Aye: Cafilisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Reports

- 1. January 23, 2018 IHPRC Minutes**
- 2. February 7, 2018 Tree Board Minutes**
- 3. February 27, 2018 IHPRC Minutes**
- 4. March 6, 2018 Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes**
- 5. March 20, 2018 City Recreation Commission Minutes**

Commissioner Comments:

Commission Ysusi asked about the information from Westar. Borovetz stated that he still had not visited with Westar but the information could be provided to the Commission.

Ysusi asked about the proposal from Treanor. Whitehead said that Andy Pitts was not available in April and it would need to be moved to the first meeting in May.

Ysusi also had a question about money set aside for City Hall in the Special Use Sales Tax fund. Borovetz informed him that approximately \$890,000 had been earmarked for City Hall improvements.

Mayor Cafilisch asked about audit updates. Whitehead noted that corrective action updates will be available at the next meeting and then the first meeting of the month thereafter.

Public Concerns:

Lisa Richard, Independence resident, noted that it was nice to see the agenda packet online. She said that the City should have its own standard contracts. She also requested that City trees be preserved.

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Executive Session:

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission recessed for an executive session for discussion of employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, KSA 75-4319 (b)(1).

The open meeting will resume at 7:20 p.m. in the Veteran's Room of Memorial Hall.

Those in attendance are the Commission and Craig Whitehead.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Mayor Caflisch called the meeting back to open session at 7:20 p.m.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the Commission extended the executive session for 15 minutes, to resume at 7:35 p.m.

Aye: Caflisch, Ysusi, Hogsett

Nay: None

Mayor Caflisch called the meeting back to open session at 7:35 p.m.

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

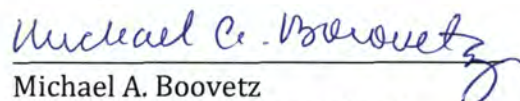


Louis Ysusi, Commissioner



Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



Michael A. Boovetz
Director of Finance/City Clerk