

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's May 20, 2020 Special Meeting

The Independence City Commission met for a special meeting on May 20, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Civic Center of the Memorial Hall. Mayor Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner Louis Ysusi, and Commissioner Dean Hayse were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager/Zoning Administrator

David Schwenker, City Clerk/City Treasurer

Lacey Lies, Director of Finance

Mike Passauer, Public Works Director

Jerry Harrison, Police Chief

Shawn Wallis, Fire/EMS Chief

David Cowan, Director of Safety/ADA Coordinator

Barb Beurskens, Park and Zoo Director

Brian McHugh, Memorial Hall Supervisor

Visitors

Larry McHugh

Brent Littleton

I. SPECIAL SESSION

A. Call to Order

Mayor Caflisch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the CDBG-CV category.

Kansas counties and cities are eligible to apply for CDBG-CV grants through the Department of Commerce and will then work with local businesses and organizations to disburse funds. CDBG-CV Economic Development grants provide communities with funding to help local businesses retain jobs for low-to-moderate income people. To be eligible to receive a CDBG-CV Economic Development grant, the recipient business must be a for-profit business and retaining jobs for low to moderate-income people. 51% or more of the full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs retained must be for persons from low to moderate-income households as defined by HUD. CDBG-CV Economic Development grants can be used to pay for working capital. CDBG-CV Meal Program grants are intended to provide Kansas cities and counties with funds to supplement various programs that provide access to nutritious foods during the COVID-19 crisis. To be eligible to receive a CDBG-CV Meal Program grant, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that at least 51% of the community meets the low to moderate-income household criteria as defined by HUD. CDBG-CV Meal Program grant funds can be directed toward organizations such as Meals on Wheels, for the replenishment of local food banks or to support

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organizations that provide meal programs for children impacted by the loss of school meal programs.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hayse the Commission adopted a Resolution certifying legal authority and authorization to apply for the CDBG-CV grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce and for the Mayor to sign all relating forms and applications and for City Staff to submit such documentation to the State.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

III. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- A. Consider authorizing electric to be installed at the parking lot located at the southeast corner of 8th and Chestnut for the Farmers Market and other community activities.

City of Independence recently approved moving the Farmers Market to the parking lot and vacant City lot at 8th and Chestnut. The Farmers Market previously utilized electricity from the Independence Professional Building, and the location at 8th and Chestnut does not allow for a safe way to provide power across the alley. The Farmers Market utilizes electricity for a P.A. system and entertainment. After visiting with Evergy, they have offered to set a pole for electrical service at this location as a donation towards the Farmers Market. A local electrician is providing us a quote for the installation of a 200 amp service for this service.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hayes, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi the Commission authorize Evergy to install the pole and installation of service by a City licensed electrician at 8th and Chestnut for an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Consider discussing future capital projects and any other related items.

City staff and the Commissioners discussed future capital projects.

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Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hayes, seconded by Mayor Caflisch the Commission recessed for 5 minutes.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

The meeting resumed at 10:55 A.M.

Discussion continued.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mayor Caflisch moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hayse seconded.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

Leonhard Caflisch, Mayor

Louis Ysusi, Commissioner

Dean Hayse, Commissioner

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer