



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
August 26, 2021

Department Police

Director Approval Jerry Harrison

AGENDA ITEM Consider adopting a Resolution and a Proclamation for the Neewollah Celebration.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Staff recommends closing the streets in the requested areas.

BACKGROUND The Neewollah Festival has been a great source of pride for the City of Independence since 1919. The festival includes numerous activities for families, entertainment for the citizens of Independence, and for the neighboring communities to enjoy.

Lori Wesselowski, Neewollah Generalissimo, has requested street closures in the downtown and Riverside Park areas for October 22nd through October 30th for the 2021 Neewollah festival, which includes the carnival, food vendors, parades and other associated activities.

BUDGET IMPACT Estimated \$17,000 for Police Department employee straight and overtime and estimated \$1,500 for supplies. This does not include the additional costs for other City departments involved in the celebration, i.e. Public Works, Utilities, Park, Memorial Hall, Fire/EMS, etc.

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to adopt a Resolution and a Proclamation for the Neewollah Celebration.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Proclamation

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-___

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas;

- I. That the following will be designated parade route and staging area for Neewollah festivities on Saturday, October 30th, 2021 beginning at 6:00 a.m.:
 - A. Parade route -- Beginning at Penn Avenue and Sycamore Street, then South on Penn Avenue to Main Street, East on Main Street to 6th Street, South on 6th Street to Maple Street, West on Maple Street to 9th Street, North on 9th Street to Sycamore Street, which is the end of the parade route.
 - B. Staging area -- 100 blocks of East and West Chestnut Street, 100 block of East Locust Street, 100 through 300 blocks of West Locust Street, 100 through 200 blocks of West Pine Street, 100 block of Ash Street and Washington Street from Pine Street to Sycamore Street.
- II. The following will be the location of the carnival, setup beginning after 5p.m. on October 25th, 2021 through October 30th, 2021:
 - A. Carnival -- Laurel Street, from Penn Avenue, West to 9th and Laurel, North 8th Street from the North side of the intersection of 8th Street and Main Street North to the South side of 8th and Chestnut Street, the municipal parking lot between 8th Street and 9th Street on the south side of Laurel Street, Myrtle Street from Penn Ave to 9th Street.
- III. The following will be the location of concession stands and other activities during NEEWOLLAH festivities:
 - A. Concession stands and other activities – 100 through 700 blocks of North Penn Avenue, 100 block of South Penn Avenue, 100 block of East Laurel Street, 100 block of West Myrtle Street, 100 block of East Myrtle Street and the Municipal Parking Lots: south west corner of 6th and Myrtle and the north east corner of 6th and Myrtle, and portions of south east corner of 8th and Chestnut. 5th street west of the stadium and the roadway between the stadium and the 4-H buildings. Band shell, Oval & area around the Oval in Riverside Park.
- IV. The following will be designated parade route for the Kiddy Parade on Friday, October 29th, 2021 beginning at 4:00 p.m. and Doo-Dah Parade on Thursday, October 28th, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
 - A. Parade route -- Penn Avenue from Locust Street to Magnolia Street and the 100 block on East and West Chestnut Street.

PASSED AND APPROVED This 26th day of August, 2021.

Louis Ysusi, Mayor

David Schwenker, City Clerk

PROCLAMATION 2021-____

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City of Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas, does recognize with pride the 2021 NEEWOLLAH Celebration; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body wishes to express, on behalf of the citizens of Independence, our appreciation and gratitude to those many persons who have planned and will carry out this annual event; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body does acknowledge that NEEWOLLAH serves as a gesture of good will toward our neighboring citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body wishes to invite all neighbors and friends from surrounding areas to join in the activities of the celebration; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body recognizes the vital importance of family events and family entertainment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED By The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas that October 22nd, 2021 through October 30th, 2021 be known as:

NEEWOLLAH

in this City and that the NEEWOLLAH celebration be permitted to use certain streets and public rights-of-way for the celebration, and to urge all persons to join in the fun and activities of this annual event.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th day of August, 2021

THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, KS

Louis Ysusi, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Schwenker, City Clerk