

## Minutes of the Independence City Commission's August 18, 2021 Special Meeting

The Independence City Commission met for a special meeting on August 18, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. at the Memorial Hall. Mayor Louis Ysusi, Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch and Commissioner Dean Hayse were present. Others present included:

### City Staff

Jeff Chubb, City Attorney  
David Cowan, Assistant City Manager  
Kelly Passauer, City Manager/Zoning Administrator  
David Schwenker, City Clerk/City Treasurer  
Brian McHugh, Memorial Hall Supervisor  
Shawn Wallis, Fire/EMS Chief  
Lacey Lies, Director of Finance  
John Garris, City Engineer/Director of Public Works and Utilities  
Mike Devore, Memorial Hall Maintenance  
Ed Sykes, Chief Water Plant Operator

### Visitors

Larry McHugh  
Chuck Mitchell

#### I. SPECIAL SESSION

##### A. Call to Order

Mayor Ysusi called the meeting to order.

#### II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### A. Data related to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties.

#### **Motion:**

**On the motion of Mayor Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch the Commission moved to recess for an executive session concerning confidential data relating to financial affairs and/or trade secrets of a company pursuant to the exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4). The open meeting will resume at 9:20 A.M.**

**Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse**

**Nay: None**

The meeting resumed at 9:20 A.M. with no action taken.

#### III. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

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- A. Consider authorizing the submittal of an additional economic development grant.

The City of Independence is needing to make some additional improvements in the West Laurel Street Industrial Park to facilitate the industrial prospect that staff has been working with. Staff is requesting that the City apply for an additional Economic Development Grant to fund these additional improvements.

**Motion:**

**On the motion of Commissioner Cafilich, seconded by Commissioner Hayse the Commission authorized the submission of an additional Economic Development grant to KDOT.**

**Aye: Ysusi, Cafilich, Hayse**

**Nay: None**

- B. Consider adoption of the Water Treatment Plant Master Plan.

After becoming aware that there was significant work to be done at the Water Treatment Plant, the Commission authorized the creation of a Water Treatment Plant Master Plan to guide the operational philosophy and identify the capital spending required to maintain City water quality and capacity. PEC was engaged as the contractor for this Plan.

Over the course of several months, the Water Treatment Plant was studied, and draft versions of the Master Plan were reviewed by operational staff so that the goals of maintained water quality and capacity were met by the elements in the Master Plan.

**Motion:**

**On the motion of Commissioner Hayse, seconded by Commissioner Cafilich the Commission adopted the Water Treatment Plant Master Plan.**

**Aye: Ysusi, Cafilich, Hayse**

**Nay: None**

#### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship.

**Motion:**

**On the motion of Mayor Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Cafilich the Commission moved to recess for an executive session for consultation with an**

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**attorney representing the City regarding a legal issue pursuant to the attorney/client privilege exception found at (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume at 10:10 A.M.**

**Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse**

**Nay: None**

The meeting resumed at 10:10 A.M.

**Motion:**

**On the motion of Mayor Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch the Commission moved to recess for an executive session for consultation with an attorney representing the City regarding a legal issue pursuant to the attorney/client privilege exception found at (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume at 10:23 A.M.**

**Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse**

**Nay: None**

The meeting resumed at 10:23 A.M. with no action taken.

V. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:**

**Mayor Ysusi moved to adjourn. Commissioner Caflisch seconded.**

**Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse**

**Nay: None**

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Louis Ysusi, Mayor

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Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner

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Dean Hayse, Commissioner

Attest:

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City Clerk/Treasurer