

REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2019

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The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, January 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Tim Allison, Field Interviewer, Vital Research, provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Eileen Weir, Presiding Officer of the City Council, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: Mike Huff, John Perkins, Curt Dougherty, Karen DeLuccie, Scott Roberson, Tom Van Camp and Eileen Weir.

Councilmember DeLuccie requested that Bill No. 18-822 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmembers Van Camp and Roberson moved to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA, minus Bill No. 18-822.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on December 3, 2018 and December 17, 2018.
2. Council action to approve a contract for Risk Management Services (122-18) with Charlesworth Consulting, LC.
3. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Micro-Comm Inc, in the amount of \$493,274.00 to provide Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) upgrades for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Water Pollution Control Department.

Bill No. 19-700, entitled, [Res. #6399]
“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENCE IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A HISTORIC BUILDING SURVEY.”

Bill No. 19-701, entitled, [Res. #6400]
“A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE SECTIONS ON ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CITIZENS REQUESTS TO SPEAK.”

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie, Roberson, Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA, was approved, minus Bill No. 18-822.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, City Manager Zach Walker provided a brief explanation of the commission. Deputy City Counselor Collin Dietiker provided information regarding the public hearing process. In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Walker confirmed that these meetings will be televised. Councilmember DeLuccie stated that she would be voting no on the item, because there are still items within the resolution that she is not comfortable with. Councilmember Perkins stated that he is concerned that this could slow projects down. Mayor Weir stated that not all of the people on the commission would be involved every time it would just depend on where the project is being considered. She stated that the commission would meet as needed to review the incentive packages. In response to Councilmember Roberson, Mr. Walker stated that if this commission is successful it can be used as a tool to show the state a process that works with these incentives. In response to Mayor Weir, Community Liaison Specialist John Mayfield stated that there are some bills in the legislation that have various exemptions. He stated that this would be another tool in the toolbox to show the legislature why we need these incentives. Mayor Weir stated that this would be a good display on how local municipalities can address these issues and collaborate with the other taxing jurisdictions. In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Walker provided information on how the process currently works for the Chapter 100 Bond. He also provided information how that process would change if this commission was created.

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Van Camp moved to approve Bill No.18-822.

Bill No. 18-822, entitled, [Res. #6398]

“A RESOLUTION CREATING THE INDEPENDENCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INCENTIVE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR FOUR YEAR STAGGERED TERMS FOR CITY APPOINTED COMMISSION MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBERS AND OTHER TAXING JURISDICTION MEMBERS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS, PLANS OR AREAS; AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF POWERS; AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION.” [Requested by Mayor Weir.] [Postponed from December 17, 2018 Council meeting.] Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, Roberson, Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Noes – Councilmember DeLuccie. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 18-122, entitled, [Ord. #18978]

“AN ORDINANCE FINDING, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENTS AND ANCHOR POLE EASEMENTS FOR THE SUBSTATION “E” TO SUBSTATION “F” 69KV TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD, PROJECT NO. 7020-1603-3406-1714; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS IF NECESSARY; APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EXPERTS AS NEEDED; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS AND THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS OR OTHERS HOLDING PROPERTY RIGHTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROJECT.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie, Roberson, Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 18-123, entitled, [Ord. #18979]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TRUMAN HERITAGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE POWER AND LIGHT WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME INDEPENDENCE HOMEOWNERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie, Roberson, Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 18-124, entitled, [ord. #18980]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, ACTING THROUGH ITS MUNICIPAL UTILITY, INDEPENDENCE POWER AND LIGHT AND GOOGLE FIBER MISSOURI, LLC, FOR POLE ATTACHMENTS; THIS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON ANY TAX REVENUES OR GENERAL REVENUES.”
was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. In response to Mayor Weir, Assistant City Manager Mark Randall confirmed that this will not bring Google Fiber to Independence. He confirmed that this will allow them to use our poles, and they will pay us approximately \$10.00 per pole. Mr. Walker confirmed that per state statute if the item failed, they would still be able to use the poles. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie, Roberson, and Mayor Weir. Noes – Councilmember Van Camp. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 18-125, entitled, [Ord. #18981]

“AN ORDINANCE FINDING, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND GRADING EASEMENTS FOR THE ARROWHEAD SHOPPING CENTER SANITARY SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT (NO. 70301703); AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS IF NECESSARY; APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EXPERTS AS NEEDED; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS AND THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS OR OTHERS HOLDING PROPERTY RIGHTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROJECT.”

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie, Roberson, Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the bill passed.

FIRST READINGS:

Bill No. 19-001, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP AS TO TWO TRACTS OF GROUND LOCATED AT 20226 E. RD MIZE ROAD AND 2800 S. LITTLE BLUE PARKWAY FROM DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), O-1 (OFFICE-RESIDENTIAL) AND C-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) TO B-P (BUSINESS PARK) IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 19-002, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP AT 909 AND 911 S. CRYSLER AVENUE FROM DISTRICT I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO C-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 19-003, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP FOR 17301 E. 32ND STREET FROM DISTRICT O-1 (OFFICE RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 19-004, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CARGO LARGO LOCATED AT 3232 S. NOLAND ROAD.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 19-005, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF ONE (1) WATER LINE EASEMENT SOUTH OF 32ND STREET AND WEST OF M-291 ON THE STAR FUEL (FORMERLY KING KONG SUBDIVISION) PROPERTY LYING IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 49, RANGE 31W, INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. The City Council is expected to convene in an Executive Session at 5:15 pm, Monday, January 7, 2019, in Conference Room A, on matters of litigation, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(1), RSMO.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember DeLuccie requested information regarding sanitary sewer issues in Kentucky Hills.

Councilmember Roberson provided an update regarding mental health issues. He said he'll be bringing more information back to the Council in the next three to four months. He stated he received a

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letter from the Advisory Board of Health regarding updating the clean air ordinance. Councilmember Roberson moved to bring this recommendation forward as a resolution at an upcoming meeting. Mayor Weir suggested this item be brought forward for discussion at a Study Session.

Councilmembers Roberson and Perkins moved to have a presentation on this item at an upcoming Study Session. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie, Roberson, Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Noes – None. Absent –None. The Mayor declared the motion approved.

Mayor Weir stated that the Electric Utility Rates Commission has been meeting and that there has been some great participation from the public.

At 6:31 p.m., there being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., January 22, 2019, in the Council Chambers.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk