

The Independence City Council met for a Regular Meeting, March 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 111 E. Maple.

Councilmembers Dougherty and Huff moved to nominate Councilmember John Perkins as the Presiding Officer for the March 4, 2019 Council Meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie and Roberson. Noes – None. Absent – Councilmember Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Councilmember Perkins declared the motion approved.

Lupe Moe, Public Affairs Independence Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember John Perkins, 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 and Scott Roberson. Absent: Councilmember Tom Van Camp and Mayor Eileen Weir.

CITIZEN REQUESTS:

Norvin Johnson spoke to Council regarding cab license requirements. He stated that Kansas City no longer requires a physical and would like Independence to eliminate the physical requirement as well. In response to Councilmember Perkins, City Manager Zach Walker stated that staff can look into this further.

PRESENTATION RESOLUTIONS:

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Huff moved to approve Bill No. 19-711.

Bill No. 19-711, entitled, [Res. #6411]
“A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LAURA EDGAR, STAFF ASSISTANT, IN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT, AS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH, 2019.”
Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie and Roberson. Noes – None. Absent – Councilmember Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Councilmember Perkins declared the bill passed.

Councilmember Perkins congratulated Ms. Edgar and presented her with her certificate.

PROCLAMATIONS:

City Clerk Sarah Carnes-Lemp read a proclamation for Procurement Month 2019. Councilmember Perkins presented the proclamation to Russell Pankey, Procurement Manager.

Councilmember DeLuccie requested that Bill No. 19-712 and Bill No. 19-713 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmembers Huff and DeLuccie moved to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA, minus Bill No. 19-712 and Bill No. 19-713.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meetings on February 4, 2019 and February 19, 2019.

2. Council action is requested to authorize the City Manager to approve a construction contract with Tasco Construction Company Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$278,593.70, authorizing future minor change orders for an amount not to exceed \$27,850.00 and/or time extensions, for the Drumm and Crane Stormwater Improvements Project (No. 70131504).
3. Council action is requested to issue a contract to Middlecreek Corporation, in the amount of \$297,440.00 for Reclaim Basin Restoration at the Courtney Bend Water Plant for the Water Department.
4. Council action is requested to issue a purchase order to Riverside Technologies Inc , in the amount of \$68,607.00 for the replacement of core switches for the Tech Services Department.
5. Council action is requested to enter into a contract with Graybar for weathered steel poles for the Power & Light Department.
6. Council action is requested to award a contract to Toth & Associates for Substation K Engineering Services for the Power & Light Department.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie and Roberson. Noes – None. Absent – Councilmember Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Councilmember Perkins declared the motion carried and the AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA, was approved, minus Bill No. 19-712 and Bill No. 19-713.

Councilmember DeLuccie stated that it is premature for the Council to take a position without testimony. She stated that she is in opposition of Bill No. 19-712. Councilmember Perkins stated that he is meeting with a representative to get additional information. Councilmember Dougherty stated that he agreed that this item is coming forward too early and there is not enough information at this time.

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Huff moved to postpone Bill No. 19-712 until the March 18, 2019 Council Meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie and Roberson. Noes – None. Absent – Councilmember Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Councilmember Perkins declared the bill passed.

Bill No. 19-712, entitled
“A RESOLUTION ADVISING THE JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATURE THAT THE INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL DOES NOT SUPPORT THE REZONING OF THE FORMER JOHN K. STARK SCHOOL ALLOWING A FEDERAL HALFWAY HOUSE TO BE LOCATED AT THAT SITE.” *[Requested by Councilmember Van Camp.]*

Councilmembers DeLuccie and Roberson moved to postpone Bill No. 19-713 for two months. Councilmember Roberson provided information regarding Randy Vest’s accomplishments and contributions to the City, and thanked him and his family for his service. The Council then had a moment of silence for Randy Vest. Councilmember Dougherty stated that he felt that two months was two long and suggested postponing for two meetings. Councilmembers DeLuccie and Roberson moved to amend the motion to postpone Bill No. 19-713 until the April 1, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilmember Perkins stated that Randy Vest will be greatly missed. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie and Roberson. Noes – None. Absent – Councilmember Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Councilmember Perkins declared the motion approved.

Bill No. 19-713, entitled
“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LUCY YOUNG AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.” *[Requested by Councilmember Van Camp.]*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Councilmember Perkins opened a new information only public hearing for the application by Stuart and Nita Dietz requesting a rezoning from R-6, Single-Family Residential to R-A, Residential-Agricultural, for the property located at 19301 E. Salisbury Road. Community Development Director Tom Scannell stated that there was no new information to report. In response to Councilmember

Dougherty, Mr. Scannell stated that staff and the Planning Commission did not support this application. There being no speakers Councilmember Perkins closed the public hearing. *New Information Only.*

Bill No. 19-014, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP AS TO A TRACT OF GROUND LOCATED AT 19301 E. SALISBURY ROAD FROM DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO DISTRICT R-A (RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURAL) IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.”

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

ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 19-013, entitled,

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF INDEPENDENCE POWER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT SCHEDULES OF ELECTRIC RATES TO INCLUDE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING RATE SCHEDULE (EV-1) BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2019, UNDER WHICH ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE SHALL BE FURNISHED TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF INDEPENDENCE POWER & LIGHT AT ITS PUBLIC CHARGING STATIONS.”

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. Councilmembers Roberson and DeLuccie moved to postpone Bill No. 19-013 until the March 18, 2019 Council meeting in order to get additional questions answered by staff. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie and Roberson. Noes – None. Absent – Councilmember Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Councilmember Perkins declared the motion approved.

Bill No. 19-015, entitled, [Ord. # 18994]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE ENGLEWOOD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, FOR A LICENSE OF THE PUBLIC AREA OF THE ENGLEWOOD STATION ARTS DISTRICT AND VICINITY IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN PROMOTIONAL EVENTS SCHEDULED IN 2019.

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

Bill No. 19-016, entitled, [Ord. #18995]

“AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF TWO (2) UTILITY EASEMENTS LOCATED WITHIN LOT 77, VALLEY BROOKE 4TH PLAT, AND LOT 33, VALLEY BROOKE 1ST PLAT – LOTS 1-33 AND RESURVEY OF HIDDEN VALLEY ACRES, LOTS 23-24, A SUBDIVISION IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, ALSO KNOWN AS 17909 E. HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD AND 18001 E. 31ST TERRACE.”

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

Bill No. 19-017, entitled, [Ord. #18996]

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLERS FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OPERATION GREEN LIGHT CONTROLLER PROJECT (NO. 70110704) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$118,990.00; AND MAKING PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS.”

was given its second reading by title and placed on final passage. In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Public Works Director Tim Gramling stated that this is a federal reimbursement program, and the city will pay the costs up front and the funds will be reimbursed back to the fund from which funds originally were used from. In response to Councilmember Dougherty, Mr. Gramling stated that this item is buying the equipment. He stated that the equipment can be adapted to the more modern technology that the councilman was referring to. Upon roll call, the vote was: Ayes – Councilmembers: Huff, Perkins, Dougherty, DeLuccie and Roberson. Noes – None. Absent – Councilmember Van Camp and Mayor Weir. Councilmember Perkins declared the bill passed.

FIRST READINGS:

Bill No. 19-018, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP AS TO A TRACT OF GROUND LOCATED AT 2116 S. STERLING AVENUE FROM DISTRICT O-1 (OFFICE-RESIDENTIAL) TO DISTRICT R-6 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 19-019, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP AS TO A TRACT OF GROUND LOCATED AT 1917 AND 1919 S. SCOTT AVENUE FROM DISTRICT R-12 (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO DISTRICT R-18/PUD (MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) AND APPROVE A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, IN INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.”

was given its first reading by title.

Bill No. 19-020, entitled

“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 MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES CORP, FOR POLE ATTACHMENTS. THIS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON ANY TAX REVENUES OR GENERAL REVENUES.”

was given its first reading by title.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Case 19-100-02, a request from Chao Vang to rezone the property at 2116 S. Sterling Avenue from O-1 (Office-Residential) to R-6 (Single-Family Residential), was advertised for a new information only public hearing at the March 4, 2019, City Council meeting. As the Planning Commission continued said case, the March 4, 2019 City Council new information only public hearing on this item is continued to the March 18, 2019, City Council meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

In response to Councilmember Huff, Mr. Walker stated that staff is working on opportunities to get more competitive rates regarding the utility convenience fees. He stated that he will keep the Council informed on what staff finds out.

In response to Councilmember DeLuccie, Mr. Walker stated that staff is working on getting the calendar updated online.

Councilmember Roberson stated that the 2nd Annual Homeowners Summit will be held on March 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Police Department building. He invited all HOA's to attend.

City Manager Zach Walker gave an update on the work that Public Works has been doing to fill the pot holes around town. He also introduced the new City Counselor Shannon Marcano.

At 6:40 p.m., there being no further business, Councilmember Perkins declared the meeting adjourned to a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., March 18, 2019, in the Council Chambers.

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk