

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 21, 2017

6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met August 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor W.E. Schaiff. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, James Lucian, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards. Council members absent: Ron Johnson, Sammye Opela, Grant Spieth.

Council member and pastor Alvin Patterson led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Schaiff asked for a moment of silence before the Pledge of Allegiance in memory of Evan Capron, retired City Administrator.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of August 7, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-442 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Burton, Dunlap, Richards. Motion carried 4-0-3.

VISITOR – MISS COLUMBUS PAGENT - GRACIE HELMS

Gracie Helms spoke to Council members about the upcoming Miss Columbus Pageant and the sponsorship needs for the scholarship funds. The Miss Columbus \$1,000 scholarship and the Miss Columbus 1st Runner-Up \$500 scholarship remain unfunded. Mrs. Helms noted they have a great group of girls this year who have completed more than 400 hours of community service. The organizers are working with the candidates to learn what it takes to make a community great and the behind the scenes efforts involved. She mentioned that not only are the scholarships a great opportunity to support the program, scholarship sponsors are recognized at the Miss Columbus banquet and pageant, the senior assembly and in the newspaper. Miss Columbus is featured on front of the Miss Columbus cookbook and is the face of the City at community events.

MISS COLUMBUS DONATION

Richards moved to sponsor the Miss Columbus \$1,000 and the Miss Columbus 1st Runner Up \$500 scholarships to be paid out of economic development. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

VISITOR – 132 NORTH PARMENTER - TOUCHTON

Mr. Dave Touchton representative of D&T Rentals, provided an update on the cleanup of the structure at 132 North Parmenter. Siding installation has begun on the rear of the house. Progress has been delayed by transportation issues. Mr. Touchton asked for an extension to be able to finish the project. Mr. Touchton noted D&T Rentals has about 24 units in Columbus and this is only the third property in 25 years to be up for condemnation. He stated all their properties are for sale. They plan to improve the properties one at a time and sell them off.

EXTENSION – 132 NORTH PARMENTER

Dunlap moved to approve demolition extension for 132 North Parmenter with progress report at the Tuesday September 5, 2017 council meeting. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

City Treasurer Report –

Cash Balance Sheets in your council packet

REPLACE MONUMENT

Burton moved to replace a monument at the City Cemetery as presented not to exceed \$350.00. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: Bennett. Motion carried 6-1.

REPLACE CHAPEL DOOR

Burton moved to purchase replacement roll up door for the Cemetery Chapel to be paid out of cemetery funds. Dunlap seconded the motion, Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

PURCHASE WATER METERS

Paradee moved to allow the purchase of 110 additional digital water meters to be paid out of water reserve. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

REJECT INSURANCE OFFER

Paradee moved to reject the insurance company settlement offer regarding the Country Road fire plug incident. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

City Superintendent Report –

Street patching with AB3

Cemetery paving update

Landfill dump rates up about 91cents/ton starting September 2017

Digital water meters being installed – Books 1 & 2 complete/starting in Book 3

Leak at High School and Maple Streets fixed – fire plug and old tap problems

Employee valve installation training

Sandbox at City Park closed due to sand bees

Ditches – ragweed/flooding/easement

Weed notices for alley weeds

Mulberry drainage / Country Road update

Street sweeper running once a week

Cemetery water – waiting on rural water to proceed

Community building marquee is in – should be installed in the near future

City Clerk -

Next City Council meeting Tuesday September 5 due to Labor Day Holiday
Attended housing workshop at Spring River Mental Health with Mayor

Chief of Police –

134 North Parmenter – house has been removed and property cleaned up by the property owner
307 North Magnolia – house has been removed and property cleaned up by the property owner
Officer Saxinger scheduled for KLETC Academy Dec 2017 – March 2018
Unit #6 -2013 Interceptor involved in a one vehicle accident – door damage/\$500 deductible

Fire Chief –

Tanker #24 back from Paynes
Engine #21 – brake inspection / blow out /new tires
Engine #20 – brake inspection / new tires
New policy to replace tires on apparatus over 5 years old even with good tread – safety issue
Testing and painting hydrants in Ward 5 – goal 5 hydrants each shift
Participating in back to school carnival Thursday
Fire bay exhaust system – working on specification for bid
City Superintendent asked to be part of hydrant testing to gage water loss
Volunteer fire fighters installing LED lights on vehicles

ORDINANCE 1411 – CRAW KAN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Richards moved to approve Ordinance 1411 – *An Ordinance Granting Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Access to Use the Streets, Avenues, Boulevards, Alleys, and Other Public Places in the City of Columbus, Kansas, as Hereinafter Designated for the Purpose of Constructing, Installing, Maintaining, Managing and Operating a Telephone System With All Necessary Poles, Wires, Cables, Fixtures, Conduit and Apparatus.* Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 513 – 322 NORTH RAILROAD

Patterson moved to adopt Resolution 513 – *A Resolution Finding That the Structure Located at 322 North Railroad Avenue, Columbus Cherokee County, Kansas, Consisting of N 40 Lot 13, All Lots 14 and 15, Block 3 in Park Addition, Columbus, Kansas is Unsafe and Dangerous, and Directing That the Structure be Removed and the Premises Made Safe and Secure.* Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 514 – 415 WEST WALNUT

Burton moved to adopt Resolution 514 – *A Resolution Finding That the Structure Located at 415 West Walnut Street, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, Consisting of Lot 9, W 12 Lot 10, Block 2 in First Addition, Columbus, Kansas, is Unsafe and Dangerous, and Directing That the Structure be Removed and the Premises Made Safe and Secure.* Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

RESIGNATION – BRIAN QUALLS

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Brian Qualls, Police Sergeant, in good standing effective August 25, 2017, providing he fulfills his two week notice. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

FIRE LEAD MAN – JADEN TEDLOCK

Dunlap moved to approve Jaden Tedlock for the position of Fire Lead Man with a starting wage of \$12.03 per hour. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

ADVERTISE FIRE DRIVER POSITON

Dunlap moved to advertise the open full time Fire Driver position both in house and externally. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

ADVERTISE POLICE SERGEANT POSTION

Dunlap moved to advertise the open Police Sergeant position both in house and externally. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

BID SANITATION TRUCK

Patterson moved to go out for bid on a new regular sanitation truck. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a ten minute executive session at 7:40 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss a personnel matter with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:50 P.M.

NO ACTION TAKEN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a fifteen minute executive session at 7:53 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to continue discussion of a personnel matter with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:08 P.M.

NO ACTION TAKEN

NAME STREET – *CROSSLAND LANE*

Dunlap moved to name the street in Crossland Park, Crossland Lane. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Meetings:

Economic Development

Monday 8/28/2017 @ 6:10 p.m.

Police and Licensing

Monday 8/28/2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Personnel

Monday 8/28/2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Tentative date

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk