

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2017

6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met August 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor W.E. Schaiff. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Sammie Opela, Drew Richards.

Doug Hosier of Victory Life Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Schaiff opened the budget hearing at 6:32 p.m. by asking if anyone would like to comment on the City's proposed 2018 budget. No one appeared with question or comment.

**2018 BUDGET**

Spieth moved to approve the 2018 City budget as presented. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: Lucian. Motion carried 5-1.

Mayor Schaiff closed the budget hearing at 6:35 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Spieth moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of July 17, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-441 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Spieth called for a five minute executive session at 6:43 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss employee matter with the Mayor, City Attorney, Council, Chief of Police, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Motion was withdrawn before a second.

Mayor Schaiff closed the regular council meeting and called the condemnation hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Schaiff asked for public comment on 322 North Railroad. Karen Martin approached the council seeking an extension on the condemnation to allow repairs to the structure. Martin stated she is the owner of the property. City Attorney Wright noted that a Shelva and Donald Clark are listed as the owner of record at the County Courthouse. Martin stated she had paid for the property but titled it in her parent's name for personal reasons. Mrs. Martin stated that her father does not hear well and is not feeling very good but she could bring him to the meeting if necessary. Martin was allowed to leave to get Mr. Clark as he is the owner of record, 6:47 p.m.

Mayor Schaiff asked if anyone wished to speak on behalf of 415 West Walnut. No one approached the council. Police Chief Jason Daniels provided photos of the property, no improvements have been made since June 19 council meeting.

**PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION - 415 WEST WALNUT**

Spieth moved to proceed with condemnation/demolition of 415 West Walnut. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin returned with Mr. Donald Clark to speak with the council regarding 322 North Railroad property. Mr. Clark agreed this property was purchased by his daughter but titled in he and his deceased wife's name. He is aware that the State of Kansas Estate Recovery has a lien on the property. The family has been working with an attorney to try and remedy this. Mrs. Martin stated she lives out of town and asked for a ninety day extension to be able to remove personal property inside the structure.

**PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION -322 NORTH RAILROAD**

Spieth moved to proceed with condemnation/demolition of 322 North Railroad. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney will draft resolutions for these properties for consideration at the August 21 council meeting.

Mayor Schaiff closed the condemnation hearing and reconvened the regular council meeting at 7:22 p.m.

**LKM CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE – GRANT SPIETH**

Paradee moved to approve Grant Spieth as a voting delegate for the City of Columbus at the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference, September 2017 in Wichita, Kansas. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Spieth. Motion carried 5-0-1.

**LKM CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE – JOHN PARADEE**

Spieth moved to approve John Paradee as a voting delegate for the City of Columbus at the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference, September 2017 in Wichita, Kansas. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Paradee. Motion carried 5-0-1.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Spieth called for a five minute executive session at 7:28 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss an employee resignation with the Mayor, City Attorney, Council, City Superintendent, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion, Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 7:33 P.M.**

**RESIGNATION – RICHARD SANCHEZ**

Spieth moved to accept the resignation of Richard Sanchez, Laborer, not in good standing. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**ADVERTISE FOR LABORER**

Spieth moved to advertise for the open Laborer position both in house and externally. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**FIRETRUCK REPAIRS**

Spieth moved to approve repairs to Tanker #24 not to exceed \$4,000.00. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 511 – 521 NORTH INDIANA**

Spieth moved to adopt Resolution 511 – *A Resolution Finding That the Structure Located at 521 North Indiana Avenue, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, Consisting of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2 in Lee’s Second Addition, Columbus, Kansas, is Unsafe and Dangerous, and Directing That the Structures be Removed and the Premises Made Safe and Secure.* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 512 -608 NORTH HIGH SHCOOL**

Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 512 – *A Resolution Finding That the Structure Located at 608 North High School Avenue, Columbus Cherokee County, Kansas, Parcel Number 011-136-13-0-20-04-013.00-0, Described as S13, T33, R23, Beg 607.5 S of NW Cor, Th E 238.5, S150, W238.5, N150 to POB EXC ROW, Columbus, Kansas, is Unsafe and Dangerous, and Directing That the Structure be Removed and the Premises Made Safe and Secure.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**APPROVE B3 QUOTE – 521 NORTH INDIANA**

Spieth moved to approve B3 Construction quote of \$3,300.00 for demolition and cleanup of property at 521 North Indiana. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**APPROVE B3 QUOTE – 608 NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

Spieth moved to approve B3 Construction quote of \$3,400.00 for demolition and cleanup of property at 608 North High School. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**COLUMBUS RECREATION COMMISSION BOARDMEMBER – AIMEE SAPORITIO**

Spieth moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Aimee Saporito to the Columbus Recreation Commission Board to fulfill the remainder of Janet Lindsey’s term. Lucian seconded

the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

**Meetings:**

**Personnel**

**Thursday 8/10/2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Police and Licensing**

**Monday 8/14/2017 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Sanitation**

**Tuesday 8/15/2017 @ 6:30 p.m.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*