

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 19, 2016
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met December 19, 2016 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, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Drew Richards, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Alvin Patterson.

Pastor Randy Arnold of Victory Life Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of December 5, 2016 council meeting minutes and appropriations ordinance 16-422 as presented. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

VISITOR – ROBIN WELLS

Robin Wells representing Columbus Recreation Commission provided information regarding the opportunity of a recreation center at the old Pamida building. Wells stated the building has been purchased by Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas (CHCSEK) however they will only be utilizing a portion of the facility and are open to the idea of leasing the additional space. Wells believes a recreation center is possible even with the smaller available area. Council members had questions including but not limited to renovation costs, equipment costs, insurance, staffing and memberships. Wells will provide new numbers and plans.

Discussion also covered soccer field, Crossland Park and skate park plans.

RECREATION CENTER

Johnson moved to allow Robin Wells and the Columbus Recreation Commission to move forward with draft lease agreement for the recreation center project at the Pamida building with Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas for council review. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: Lucian. Motion carried 8-1.

VISITOR - WILMA CATON

Wilma Caton provided an update on 118 East Olive. The house at this address was included in the October 17, 2016 condemnation hearing. At that time Caton stated she had been in contact with B3 representative and were waiting for a demolition price and date. Council voted to give a two month extension with update at the December 19 council meeting. Mrs. Caton stated B3 will be taking down the structure however she does not have a definite date, it will depend on their schedule and the weather.

EXTENSION – 118 EAST OLIVE

Dunlap moved to approve February 6, 2017 extension for 118 East Olive to enable owner to have the structure taken down and the property cleaned up. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR FAIR SPONSOR

Richards moved to sponsor 2017 Cherokee County Youth Entrepreneur Fair \$500.00 third place prize to be paid out of economic development. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL

Burton moved to approve 2017 Cereal Malt Beverage License renewals for American Legion, American Legion Beverage Hut, Casey’s, The Cave, Dollar General, Fast Mart, G&W Foods, Los Lunas and The VFW. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Johnson. Motion carried 8-0-1.

2016 AUDIT CONTRACT

Dunlap moved to approve and allow the Mayor to sign Diehl, Banwart, Bolton 2016 audit contract not to exceed \$10,175.00. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD RENEWAL

Richards moved to approve renewal of city employee medical and dental insurance coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield for 2017 as quoted. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried 8-0-1.

INSURANCE PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION

Richards moved to approve an additional \$20.00 per month employee contribution to 2017 renewal premiums for Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance; this includes the employee only option. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried 8-0-1.

AIR PACK LEASE/PURCHASE BIDS

City Clerk opened three sealed bids for the lease/purchase of fire department Feld Fire air packs. Options 1, 2 and 3 reflect a total equipment cost of \$104,414.00 with \$19,414.00 down payment leaving \$85,000.00 to be financed. Bids as follows:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<u>American Bank</u>			
Lease Term	3 years	4 years	5 years
Lease Rate	1.94%	2.10%	2.35

Commerce Bank

Lease Term	3 years	4 years	5 years
Lease Rate	2.47%	2.59%	2.68%

Exchange Bank

Lease Term	3 years	4 years	5 years
Lease Rate	3.24%	3.34%	3.44%

AIR PACK LEASE/PURCHASE – AMERICAN BANK

Bennett moved to approve \$85,000.00 air tank five-year lease purchase through American Bank at 2.35% as bid and allow the mayor to sign the contract. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

ORDINANCE 1398 – COLLECTION COSTS

Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1398 – *An Ordinance by the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending Chapter I of the Code for the City of Columbus, Kansas, Regarding Contracted Collection Agency Services to Collect Delinquent Accounts and Assess Collection Costs and Fees.* Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

COLLECTION AGREEMENT - CBK

Spieth moved to allow the mayor to sign Collection Bureau of Kansas agreement for utility and special assessment past due collections. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

POLICE OFFICER II – DENNIS PETTY

Dunlap moved to promote Officer Dennis Petty to Police Officer II with a pay increase to \$15.00 per hour effective December 11, 2016 due to his graduation from the Police Academy. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

POLICE/ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ASSISTANT – MELINDA HOSIER

Dunlap moved to approve Melinda Hosier for the position of Police Department/Administration Office Assistant, with a starting wage of \$10.03 per hour providing she passes all pre-employment requirements. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOWER REMODEL

Johnson moved not to remodel fire department showers at this time. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TRUCK

Lucian moved to allow police department to purchase 2017 Ford ½ ton truck from Mike Carpino Ford in the amount of \$27,052.00 with delivery 6-8 weeks from order date. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

STREET DEPARTMENT TRUCK

Opela moved to allow street department to purchase 2017 Ford ½ ton truck from Mike Carpino Ford in the amount of \$25,912.00 with delivery 6-10 weeks from order date. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried 8-0-1.

SIDEWALK PROJECT

Opela informed the council the Streets/Alley/Bridges committee has been working on a sidewalk improvement program for 2017. Five thousand dollars has been budget for this project. It is not quite ready to present to the full council. Opela asked for members who have suggestions or questions to contact her.

CLOSE CITY OFFICES CHRISTMAS EVE

Burton moved to approve closing City Hall at noon on Christmas Eve, Friday December 24 and allowing full time city employees four hours of holiday pay. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Meetings:
None

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