

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2015
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met December 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Dexter Opela. Council members present: Dale Burton, Jerri Burton, Barbara Capron, Steve Dunlap (6:50), Mike Leighty, David Martin, Marion Morgan, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, W.E. Schaiff. Council members absent: None.

Council member Alvin Patterson led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONDEMNATION HEARING

712 E. Walnut
316 E. Elm
327 S. Tennessee (Garage only)
210 E. Country Road
213 N. First
310 N. Kansas (Garage only)
111 E. Sycamore (Garage only)
117 N. Minnesota
312 W. Walnut
315 N. California

Mayor Dexter Opela opened the condemnation hearing by reading the Public Hearing Notice:

Whereas, the Chief of Police of the City of Columbus, Kansas on October 19, 2015, did file with the Governing Body of said City, information in writing that certain structures hereinafter described, are unsafe and/or dangerous. Be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas that the owner(s), their agent(s), lienholder(s) of record and occupant(s) of the following buildings or structures at 712 E. Walnut, 316 E. Elm, 327 S. Tennessee (Garage only), 210 E. Country Road, 213 N. First, 310 N. Kansas (Garage only), 111 E. Sycamore (Garage only), 117 N. Minnesota, 312 W. Walnut and 315 N. California may appear and show just cause why such building(s) or structure(s) should not be condemned and/or ordered repaired and /or demolished as dangerous and/or unsafe structures.

Mayor Opela asked if there was anyone wishing to address the council on any of the above named properties, if so they were to step forward and state their name and address for the record.

Charles Rogers, 327 S. Tennessee addressed the council about the garage on this property. Mr. Rogers stated B-3 Construction is slated to take this down before Christmas, weather permitting. Mr. Rogers was advised to keep City Hall informed of any changes or delays.

David Tillman, 1213 E. Maple approached the council regarding 712 E. Walnut. Mr. Tillman informed the council the structure has already been removed and the lot cleaned up.

Police Chief Daniels reported to the council, owners of 111 E. Sycamore have informed him this garage is also on the B-3 schedule to come down. Chief Daniels updated the council that 316 E. Elm and garage at 310 N. Kansas have been removed and the properties cleaned up.

RESOLUTION 465

Leighty moved to adopt Resolution 465 – *A Resolution to Proceed with the Condemnation of 327 S. Tennessee (Garage Only); 210 E. Country Road, 213 N. First; 111 E. Sycamore, (Garage Only); 117 N. Minnesota; 312 W. Walnut and 315 N. California.* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT CONDEMNATION HEARING

Burton Jerri moved to adjourn the condemnation hearing at 6:38 p.m. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Opela presented a certificate and pin from the United States Department of Commerce National Weather Service to Jim Burton, City Superintendent, recognizing ten years of weather record keeping and reporting service for the City of Columbus.

MEETING MINUTES

Burton Jerri moved to approve Council Meeting minutes of November 16, 2015 as presented. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-394

Burton Dale moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 15-394 as presented. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

DONATE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Burton Dale moved to donate and deliver two used park spring toys to the Nazarene Church as presented. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 10-0.

SEWER GRINDER PUMPS

Leighty moved to purchase and install four grinder pumps as presented at Carpino Ford (2), Columbus Veterinary Clinic and the Girl Scout House to be paid out of sewer funds with the city maintaining the pumps and the utility customer providing electric service. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Burton Dale. Motion carried 9-1.

HIRE POLICE SERGEANT – *BRIAN QUALLS*

Capron moved to approve Brian Qualls for the position of Police Sergeant, Range 11 Step C of Ordinance 1300 as amended by Ordinance 1362 providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

STEP INCREASE – *JADEN TEDLOCK*

Capron moved to approve step increase for Jaden Tedlock, Relief Fire Driver, to Range 6 Step D per Appendix A retro to November 8, 2015. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

STEP INCREASE – *JASON DANIELS*

Capron moved to approve step increase for Jason Daniels, Chief of Police, to Range 15 Step B per Appendix A-1 as amended per Ordinance 1362 effective December 6, 2015. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE POLICE OFFICER – *WILLIAM DEAN*

Capron moved to approve William Dean for the position of Police Officer II, Range 9 Step A per Appendix A-1 as amended by Ordinance 1362, providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE MECHANIC – *KENNETH TURCOTTE*

Capron moved to approve Kenneth Turcotte for the position of Mechanic, Range 13 Step C per Appendix A providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

CLOSE CITY OFFICES CHRISTMAS EVE

Capron moved to approve closing City Hall at noon on Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24 and allowing full time city employees four hours of holiday pay. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE

Leighty moved to approve \$1.00 per hour pay increase for all full time employees on Appendix A City of Columbus, Kansas Pay Classification System adopted 9/21/15 beginning the pay period of December 6, 2015 with no merit raises, step increases or longevity pay being paid in 2016. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ORDINANCE 1364

Leighty moved to approve Ordinance 1364 – *An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1186, 1208 and the Personnel Regulations for the Employees of the City of Columbus, Kansas and Repealing Any Ordinance or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith* as amended. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap. Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Capron called for a ten minute executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel at 7:44 p.m. with the governing body and the city attorney in attendance. Regular session to resume at 7:54 p.m. Burton, Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION: 7:54 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Leighty called for a fifteen minute executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel at 7:56 p.m. with the governing body and the city attorney in attendance. Regular session to resume at 8:11 p.m. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Morgan. Motion carried 9-1.

REGULAR SESSION: 8:11 P.M.

CERAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES

Burton Dale moved to approve renewal of cereal malt beverage licenses for Apple Market, American Legion, Los Lunas, Fast Mart, The Cave, The VFW and Wal-Mart as presented. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Patterson. Motion carried 9-1.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Burton Dale asked for a moment of silence in honor of Chuck Sharp, previous Chief of Police for the City of Columbus who passed away last week.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

None

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk