

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2016
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met February 1, 2016 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, Mike Leighty, David Martin, Marion Morgan, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, W.E. Schaiff. Council members absent: None.

Mike Jones pastor of Center Christian Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Leighty moved to approve Council Meeting minutes of January 19, 2016 as corrected. Burton, Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Schaiff. Motion carried 9-0-1.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-400

Leighty moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 15-400 as presented. Burton, Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Schaiff. Motion carried 9-0-1.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-401

Leighty moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 16-401 as presented. Burton, Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Schaiff. Motion carried 9-0-1.

VISITOR – DAN BAKER

Dan Baker, 405 N. Delaware approached the council with property and right of way concerns. Mayor Opela will meet with Mr. Baker later this week.

VISITOR – MARY HUTTER

Mary Hutter, 411 W. Oak approached the council regarding property at 211 N. First Avenue. A structure report included in council packets addressed this property as dangerous and unfit for habitation. Mrs. Hutter wishes to waive her right to a hearing on this property and allow it to be demolished and the costs of demolition assessed to her property taxes.

RESOLUTION 469 – 211 N. First

Burton, Dale moved to adopt Resolution 469 – *A Resolution by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Accepting Owner(s)' Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing Regarding Unsafe and/or Dangerous Building(s) and Structure(s)*. 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.

GO OUT FOR DEMOLITION BID

Burton, Dale moved to allow Police Chief to go out for demolition bids on 211 N. First Avenue. Leighty seconded the motion. Motion and second were rescinded.

TASER PURCHASE

Dunlap moved to allow Police Department to purchase TASERS on the TAP plan as presented. 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.

GOVERNING BODY WAGE INCREASE

Leighty moved to approve Governing Body wage increase as presented with education incentive. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Leighty. Voting nay: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Motion failed 1-9.

RESIGNATION – WILLIAM DEAN

Capron moved to approve resignation of William Dean from the Police Department effective January 21, 2016 not in good standing due to lack of two week notice. 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.

DOWNSIZE COUNCIL

Leighty moved to downsize the size of the council to one member from each ward. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Leighty. Voting nay: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Motion failed 2-8.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Capron called for a thirty minute executive session at 8:14 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Governing Body, City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney in attendance. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Capron, Dunlap, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson. Motion failed 4-6.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Burton, Dale called for a fifteen minute executive session at 8:22 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Governing Body, City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney in attendance. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Patterson, Schaiff. Voting nay: Leighty, Morgan, Richards. Motion carried 7-3.

REGULAR SESSION 8:37 P.M.

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT – KIM RICHARDS

Burton, Jerri moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Kim Richards to the Columbus Housing Authority Board of Directors with her term expiring April 1, 2019. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Richards. Motion carried 9-0-1.

INCREASE SPEED LIMIT – NORTH HIGHSCHOOL

Schaiff moved to increase speed limit to 30 mph on North Highschool from the storage buildings north to the highway. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Schaiff. Voting nay: Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards. Motion failed 2-8.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton, Jerri moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. 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.

Meetings:

Water / Sewer

Wednesday February 3, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m.

Cemetery

Thursday February 4, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Property / Pools / Parks

Thursday February 4, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Personnel

Monday February 8, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Police and Licensing

Monday February 8, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

Streets / Alleys / Bridges

Tuesday February 9, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk