

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 17, 2017

6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met July 17, 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, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, Grant Spieth. Council member absent: None.

Pastor Jeff Martin of Camp Joy Ministries led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of July 5, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-440 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett, Johnson. Motion carried 8-0-2.

PAVE AT CEMETERY

Burton moved to approve paving at the City Cemetery Chapel allowing space for planting of flowers or shrubs. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

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 521 North Indiana. Jeff Woods and Deborah Anderson appeared before the council. Ms. Anderson stated her father Donald Clark is the owner of the property, he was not able to attend the meeting. Ownership of this property has not been transferred to Ms. Anderson, nor does she have power of attorney of her father's affairs. Mr. Woods stated they have consulted an individual who recommended taking off the back porch on the house and stated he could put a new roof and windows in the structure. The house has been vacant approximately six years. Property has had two previous extensions. Anderson stated they could make necessary improvements in six months or so. City Attorney Wright noted the State of Kansas has a lien filed against the property.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION - 521 NORTH INDIANA

Dunlap moved to proceed with condemnation/demolition of 521 North Indiana. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Mayor Schaiff asked if someone would like to speak on behalf of 608 North High School. Police Chief Daniels stated personal property has been removed from the property, structure is not stable and recommends proceeding with demolition.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION -608 SOUTH HIGH SHCOOL

Dunlap moved to proceed with condemnation/demolition of 608 South High School. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Attorney will draft resolutions for these properties for consideration at the August 7 council meeting.

Mayor Schaiff closed the condemnation hearing and reconvened the regular council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 1409 – STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Opela moved to approve Ordinance #1409 – *An Ordinance by the City of Columbus, Kansas, Incorporating by Reference the “Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities,” Edition of 2017; Providing Certain Penalties and Repealing Ordinance No. 1378.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ORDINANCE 1410 - UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE

Opela moved to approve Ordinance #1410 – *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Incorporating by Reference the “Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities,” Edition of 2017; Providing Certain Penalties and Repealing Ordinance No. 1379.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE POLICE OFFICER – SAMANTHA SAXINGER

Dunlap moved to approve Samantha Saxinger for the position of Police Officer I, with a starting wage of \$14.29 per hour, providing she passes all pre-employment requirements. Paradee seconded the motion, Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

RESIGNATION – STEVEN P. BURTON

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Steven P. Burton, Fire Department Lead Man, effective July 31, 2017 in good standing providing he fulfills his two week notice. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER – STEVEN P. BURTON

Spieth moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Steven P. Burton as Volunteer Firefighter. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

CHEROKEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEMBERSHIP

Richards moved to renew the City’s membership in the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation at the \$1,000 gold membership level. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennet, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: Opela. Motion carried 9-1.

FLOATATION DEVICES

Johnson moved to update the Swimming Pool Manual to state: All swimmers must wear proper swimming attire. Floatation devices will be Coast Guard approved, fit properly and be inspected / approved by the Manager on duty. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

MULBERRY PROJECT EASEMENT

Opela moved to allow City Attorney to acquire easements for properties involved in the Mulberry Drainage Study to be able to open up the drain and better assess the situation. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

BUDGET HEARING

Spieth moved to approve 2018 City budget and set hearing date for Monday, August 7, 2017. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Opela, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee. Motion carried 7-3.

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

None

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