

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 5, 2016

6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met July 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Dexter Opela. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, W.E. Schaiff, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Drew Richards.

Pastor Jim Bowles of Calvary Baptist Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Spieth moved to approve Council Meeting minutes of June 20, 2016 as presented. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Spieth moved to approve Condemnation Hearing minutes of June 27, 2016 as presented. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-411**

Spieth moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 16-411 as presented. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**VISITORS – *PHILLIP BASS/AMERICAN LEGION***

Phillip Bass post commander of the American Legion addressed the council with a Cereal Malt Beverage license request in order to operate the beer garden at the upcoming county fair. Bass informed the council that the Fair Board had ran the event for the last several years. Bass also asked if the fire department could spray down the rafters to help them clean up before the fair. Fire Chief Allison remarked the department helps in this way every year.

**CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE – *AMERICAN LEGION***

Burton moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage license for the American Legion. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Patterson. Motion carried 8-1.

### **COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION AND MATCHING GRANT PAYMENTS**

Bennett moved to approve Commercial Property Rehabilitation Matching Grant Program payments for Daylight Donut - \$825.00, Phase 3; RJ's Liquor - \$1,750.00, Phase 4; and Ray and Steve's Car Wash - \$600.00, Phase 4. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Dunlap. Motion carried 8-0-1.

### **CHEROKEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEMBERSHIP**

Bennett moved to approve a \$1,000.00 Gold Level Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation membership for the City to be paid out of economic development. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Lucian. Motion carried 8-1.

### **WATER PLANT FENCE**

Burton moved to approve quote from Reliable Fence Company, Grove, Oklahoma in the amount of \$14,695.00 for new fence at the water plant on Kansas Street to be paid out of property reserves. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **RESIGNATION – MIKE MCCORMICK**

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Mike McCormick, Meter Reader, effective July 8, 2016 in good standing providing he fulfills his two week notice. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **ADVERTISE METER READER POSITON**

Dunlap moved to advertise the open Meter Reader position in house and out. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **CHARTER ORDINANCE 1377 – ELECTION CYCLE**

Schaiff moved to approve Charter Ordinance 1377 – *A Charter Ordinance Transitioning the Election Cycles of The City of Columbus, Kansas, to November Every Year and Provide for Staggered Terms for Elected City Officials*. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schiaiff, Spieth, Mayor Opela. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**Meetings:**

**Sanitation**

Thursday July 7, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Fire**

Monday July 11, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Cemetery**

Monday July 11, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Personnel**

Monday July 11, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Water**

Tuesday July 12, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Budget & Finance**

Tuesday July 12, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Police & Licensing**

Wednesday July 13, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*