

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2017

6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met June 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor W.E. Schaiff. Council members present: Jerri Burton, Connie Bennett, Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammie Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Drew Richards.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of May 15, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-437 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett and Johnson. Motion carried 7-0-2.

VISITOR – TERRY SERCER

Terry Sercer of Diehl, Banwart, Bolton accounting firm addressed the council with findings from the 2016 City audit. Mr. Sercer informed the City received an unqualified opinion in accordance with regulatory basis of accounting which is an accounting that is designed to show compliance to Kansas Statutes. He also commented that Columbus has healthy cash and reserve balances. Sercer stated as a general rule it is good to have at least a couple month's expenses in your balances. The City was not cited for any statutory violations.

VISITOR – ROBIN WELLS

Robin Wells of the Columbus Recreation Commission with funding request to move forward with the rec center in the old Pamida building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Burton called for a fifteen minute executive session at 7:32 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship to consider possible contract with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Police Chief, City Superintendent, City Clerk and Mr. Wells in attendance. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION: 7:47 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Burton called for a fifteen minute executive session at 7:49 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship to continue discussion with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Police Chief, City Superintendent, City Clerk and Mr. Wells in attendance. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton,

Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION: 8:04 P.M.
NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

HIRE ENGINEER – RECREATION CENTER

Dunlap moved to hire an engineer to assess renovation costs of Old Pamida building for potential recreation center. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: Lucian. Motion carried 8-1.

PERMANENT EASEMENT – FARMER’S COOP

Opela moved to grant permanent easement to Farmer’s COOP ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Luician, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

DEMOLITION – 523 WEST OLIVE

Dunlap moved to approve B-3 quote of ~~XXXXXX~~ to take down and remove debris of demolition of 523 West Olive. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

CONDEMNATION – 415 WEST WALNUT

Burton made a motion to move forward with condemnation proceedings on property at 415 West Walnut. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

CONDEMNATION – 322 NORTH RAILROAD

Burton made a motion to move forward with condemnation proceedings on property at 322 North Railroad. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION 506 – 608 NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Spieth moved to adopt Resolution 506 – *A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which the Owners, His or Hers Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest of Structure Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Structure Should Not be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as Unsafe or Dangerous Structures.* Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER – NATE JONES

Spieth moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Nate Jones as Volunteer Firefighter. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION 505 – 523 WEST OLIVE

Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 505 – *A Resolution Finding That the Structure Located at 523 W. Olive Street, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, Consisting of Lot 19 Block 1 in Columbus Deems Addition, Columbus, Kansas, is Unsafe and Dangerous, and Directing That the Structure Be Removed and the Premises Made Safe and Secure.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

TERMINATION – ROGER BERGEN

Dunlap moved to terminate Roger Bergen, Seasonal Laborer, not in good standing. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

DIGITAL WATER METERS

Paradee moved to phase in digital water meters throughout the City and to spend up to \$40,000 this year on these meters to be paid out of water reserves and to budget the remaining meters over the next four years. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: Richards. Motion carried 7-1.

BID GARBAGE TRUCK

Patterson moved to allow City Superintendent to go out of bid on a new garbage truck. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

CHANGE TRAFFIC SIGNS

Lucian moved to change yield signs to stop signs at the intersections of South Pennsylvania and West Mulberry, South Pennsylvania and West Olive, South Minnesota and West Olive and South Minnesota and West Mulberry. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson. Voting nay: Burton, Richards, Spieth. Motion carried 5-3.

POOL MANUAL

Opela moved to adopt City Pool Manual as amended. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**Meetings:
Personnel**

Wednesday May 17, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Thursday May 18, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development

Tuesday May 23, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Budget/Finance

Tuesday May 23, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk

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