

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2015
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Dale Burton, Jerri Burton, Barbara Capron, Mike Leighty, David Martin, Marion Morgan, Thomas Niegisch, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, Dewey Smith. Council members absent: None.

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Burton Jerri moved to approve Council Meeting minutes from March 2, 2015 as presented. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Niegisch, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Morgan, Patterson. Motion carried 8-0-2.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-377

Leighty moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 15-377 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VISITOR – PAUL RODGERS

Paul Rodgers and Teresa Amos representing the Methodist Church came before the council requesting the use of the city pool this year for their water aerobics class. They would like to hold one hour classes three times per week from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. after regular business hours, paying the city \$50.00 for each class with a starting date to be decided.

WATER AEROBICS AT CITY POOL

Smith moved to allow The First United Methodist Church, Columbus, KS, to hold one hour water aerobics classes three times a week at the city swimming pool from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at a rate of \$50.00 per class with a starting date to be determined. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

VISITOR – LUECRITA HAUGHERTY

Mrs. Haugherty representing Cal Ripkin Baseball came before the council with information that Columbus has been chosen to host the 12 year old and under Cal Ripkin State Baseball tournament again this year, July 15-19, 2015. She is requesting a donation of the use of the City Swimming Pool for the opening evening festivities on Wednesday July 15 and any other contribution that the council would choose to make.

CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL TOURNAMENT DONATION

Burton Jerri moved to donate \$600.00 to be paid out of economic development and the use of the City swimming pool from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on July 15 to help sponsor the 12 and under Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament to be held July 15-19, 2015 in Columbus. Morgan seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VISITOR – ANDREW SAIZ

Mr. Saiz approached the council regarding opening a new tow service business in the City. He inquired about guidelines or regulations for this new operation. City Attorney Myers suggested Mr. Saiz meet with the Police and Licensing committee to review requirements. Meeting set for Monday March 23 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

ALLOW WALMART SIGN

Burton Dale moved to approve the new sign for Walmart as presented. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

INSURANCE RENEWAL - EMC

Capron moved to renew City property insurance with EMC and pay renewal premium in the amount of \$76,436.00 through Ryan Insurance, Pittsburg. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

SANITARY SEWER STUDY

Capron moved to contract with Professional Engineering Consultants, Pittsburg, Kansas to do a sanitary sewer extension study of West Country Road not to exceed \$14,834.00 to be paid out of sewer engineering #07-000-57710 and allow the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

BID SPECIFICATION

Capron moved to allow Professional Engineering Consultants, Pittsburg, Kansas to proceed with the bid specifications for basin and line items as identified and presented on list and map from the sewer rehabilitation project. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

CEMETERY SPACE REGULATIONS

Richards moved to allow one mausoleum/vault, up to four cremations per cemetery space or allow cremains to be placed in a mausoleum/vault at the time of burial with the condition cremains will not be permitted to be buried at the head, foot in between or beside an existing mausoleum or vault. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: Burton Dale. Motion carried 9-1.

CEMETERY WEED CONTROL

Richards moved to allow supervised roundup weed control between mausoleums at the City Cemeteries. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: Burton Dale, Patterson. Motion carried 8-2.

HIRE SEASONAL CEMETERY HELP

Morgan moved to hire Erik Jones for the position of Seasonal / Temporary / Part-time Laborer for the cemetery with a starting wage of \$7.28 per hour, Range 4 Step C per Appendix A, providing he passes all pre-employment screenings. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE 1ST YEAR LIFEGUARDS

Morgan moved to hire Alyssa Canady, Shannan Eaves, Hannah Gideon, Chandler Glasgow, Kelsey Hunter, Journey Tedlock, Cassidy Westervelt and Devon Wheeler for the position of 1st year Lifeguard with a starting wage of \$7.28 per hour, Range 4 Step C per Appendix A, providing they pass all pre-employment screenings. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE 2ND YEAR LIFEGUARDS

Morgan moved to hire Cordell Bass, Keilah Murillo, Nicolas Robinson and Madison Wells for the position of 2nd year Lifeguard with a starting wage of \$7.46 per hour, Range 4 Step D per Appendix A, providing they pass all pre-employment screenings. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE 4TH YEAR LIFEGUARD

Morgan moved to hire Katrina Froebe for the position of 4th year Lifeguard with a starting wage of \$7.84 per hour, Range 4 Step F per Appendix A, providing she passes all pre-employment screenings. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE 1ST YEAR POOL ATTENDANTS

Morgan moved to hire Jana Allison, Brooke Garrison and Sage Spatafora for the position of 1st year Swimming Pool Attendant with a starting wage of \$7.28 per hour, Range 4 Step C per Appendix A, providing they pass all pre-employment screenings. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Capron. Motion carried 9-0-1.

HIRE 1ST YEAR POOL ATTENDANT

Morgan moved to hire Caitlin Burton for the position of 1st year Swimming Pool Attendant with a starting wage of \$7.28 per hour, Range 4 Step C per Appendix A, providing she passes all pre-employment screenings. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri. Motion carried 8-0-2.

HIRE 2ND YEAR POOL ATTENDANT

Morgan moved to hire Aaron Bigando for the position of 2nd year Swimming Pool Attendant with a starting wage of \$7.46 per hour, Range 4 Step D per Appendix A, providing he passes all pre-employment screenings. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE 6TH YEAR POOL ATTENDANT

Morgan moved to hire Jenna Ferraro for the position of 6th year Swimming Pool Attendant with a starting wage of \$8.23 per hour, Range 4 Step H per Appendix A, providing she passes all pre-employment screenings. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Burton Dale called for a ten minute executive session at 7:51 p.m. for matters of non-elected personnel with the council and the City Attorney in attendance. Morgan seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:01 P.M.

FIREWORK DONATION

Capron moved to approve \$1,500.00 to Columbus Chamber of Commerce for 2015 firework donation to be paid out of transient guest tax. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

RIGHT OF WAY

Leighty moved to approve right of way management ordinance as presented. Motion failed for lack of a second.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Smith called for a fifteen minute executive session at 8:16 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship with Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Chief of Police, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:31 P.M.

FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

Mayor Spieth read proclamation calling for April to be declared Fair Housing Month in celebration and observance of Congress’ passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 providing for equal housing opportunities for all.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

Meetings:

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Wednesday March 18, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.

Property/Pool/Parks

Wednesday March 18, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Budget & Finance

Wednesday March 18, 2015 @ 7:15 p.m.

Personnel

Saturday March 21, 2015 @ 9:30 a.m.

Police & Licensing

Monday March 23, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.

Property/Pool/Parks with Columbus Recreation Commission (CRC)

Wednesday March 25, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk