

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

March 17, 2014  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met March 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall, presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Dale Burton, Barbara Capron, Doug Hosier, Mike Leighty, Marion Morgan, Thomas Niegisch, Dewey Smith, Gary Smith. Council member absent: Burton Jerri.

Father Chrys from St Rose Catholic Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Niegisch moved to approve the Council Meeting minutes from March 3, 2014 with amendment reflecting appointment of Robin Wells to Recreation Board to October 2017. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 14-349**

Hosier moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance number 14-349 as presented. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**INSURANCE RENEWAL - EMC**

Burton Dale moved to renew City property insurance with EMC for \$65,331.37 through Ryan Insurance, Pittsburg. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**AUDITOR – DIEHL BANWART BOLTON**

Hosier moved to approve contract from Diehl Banwart Bolton Certified Public Accountants to conduct the 2013 audit for the City of Columbus not to exceed \$9,955.00. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**2013 RESERVE FUNDS**

Hosier moved to approve 2013 Reserve fund transfers as follows: Administration Capital Reserve, \$16,000.00; Cemetery Capital Reserve, \$3,000.00; Parks Capital Reserve, \$30,000.00; Property Capital Reserve, \$119,000.00 Police Capital Reserve, \$5,000.00; Fire Capital Reserve, \$25,000.00. Utility Reserve Funds: Water, \$40,000.00, Garbage, \$50,000.00, Sewer, \$70,000.00 per auditor approval. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**STEP INCREASE – MIKE MCCORMICK**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Mike McCormick, meter reader, from \$8.87 to \$9.09 per hour, Range 7 Step C per Appendix A, effective 3/08/2014. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**STEP INCREASE – JOE CARLSON**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Joe Carlson, Equipment Operator I, from \$10.80 to \$11.07 per hour, Range 8 Step H per Appendix A, effective 03/27/2014. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**REPAIR ROAD GRADER**

Smith Dewey moved to repair road grader differential lock. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: Niegisch. Motion carried 7-1.

**FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION**

Mayor declares April Fair Housing Month in the City of Columbus, Kansas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Niegisch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

**Meetings:**

None

  
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