

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 20 2017  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met March 20, 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, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards. Council members absent: Ron Johnson, John Paradee, Grant Spieth.

Father Jeremy Huser of St. Rose Catholic Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of March 6, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-432 as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**VISITOR – PAM MENDICKI - RYAN INSURNCE**

Pam Mendicki representative of Ryan Insurance Pittsburg, Kansas provided property/liability insurance renewal information for council review. Mendicki explained the rates are up about \$2,000 over last year's premium due in part to new vehicle purchases and increased coverage on the swimming pool.

**INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Burton moved to renew the City's property and liability insurance through Ryan Insurance as quoted. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**VISITOR – RANDY/DEBRA BARNES**

Randy and Debra Barnes provided an update on property clean up at 533 West Olive. They stated garage has been enlarged in order to house equipment and tools. Fencing and trailer skirting is ninety percent complete. Out building has been repaired and sided to be more presentable. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes asked the property be removed from demolition list.

**REMOVE FROM DEMOLITON LIST – 533 WEST OLIVE**

Dunlap moved to take 533 West Olive off the demolition list. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**VISITOR – THOMAS NIEGISCH – KISSTECH**

Thomas Niegisch representing KISSTECH Computer Service and Repair asked the council to consider his proposal for contracted IT services for the City. Niegisch stated he could save the

City money with no loss of service over the present IT provider. He stated this proposal did not cover the website but he could put together a separate webmaster proposal.

**CONDEMNATION – 132 NORTH PARMENTER**

Opela made a motion to move forward with condemnation proceedings on property at 132 North Parmenter. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONDEMNATION – 134 NORTH PARMENTER**

Burton made a motion to move forward with condemnation proceedings on property at 134 North Parmenter. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 7-0.

**CONDEMNATION – 307 NORTH MAGNOLIA**

Richards made a motion to move forward with condemnation proceedings for house at 307 North Magnolia. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 7-0

**CONDEMNATION – 608 NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

Burton made a motion to move forward with condemnation proceedings on property at 608 North High School. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Richards called for a ten minute executive session at 7:24 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship to discuss litigation with everyone at the horseshoe present with the exception of Chief Daniels. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 7:34 P.M.**

**PAYMENT – PARK DRIVE EASEMENT**

Opela moved to approve \$1,920.00 damage payment and \$360.00 times three (3) for appraiser fees in the Patty Johnson eminent domain case, to be paid out of the sewer reserves account. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE 1403 - CHICKENS**

Richards moved to approve Ordinance 1403- *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Adding Regulations Governing Chickens Kept Within the City, Beginning at Section 2-110(f) of City Code Chapter II.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE 1404 – WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1404 – *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending the Code of the City of Columbus, Kansas, to Revise Policy and Procedure Regarding Adjustments of Water Bills and Sewer Bills Resulting from Undetectable Water Leaks.* Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION 501 – CHAIN OF COMMAND**

Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 501 – *A Resolution by the City of Columbus, Kansas, amending Article XV, Chain of Command, of the Personnel Regulations for the Employee of the City of Columbus, Kansas.* Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**JOB DESCRIPTION – POOL CO-MANAGER**

Dunlap moved to approve Pool Co-Manager job description as amended. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADVERTISE POOL CO-MANAGER POSITION**

Dunlap moved to approve advertising the Pool Co-Manager job openings both in-house and out. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**HIRE POLICE OFFICER II – DAVID JUSTICE**

Dunlap moved to approve David Justice for the position of Police Officer II providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**HIRE WATER METER READER – AUSTIN QUALLS**

Dunlap moved to approve Austin Qualls for the position of Water Meter Reader providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADVERTISE LIFEGUARD POSITON**

Dunlap moved to approve advertising for summer lifeguards. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION AND MATCHING GRANT PAYMENT**

Richards moved to approve Commercial Property Rehabilitation Matching Grant Program IV reimbursement for Columbus News Report in the amount of \$3,372.00. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**GRANT EXTENSION – WESTCO**

Richards moved to extend Commercial Property Rehabilitation Matching Grant deadline to May 15, 2017 for Westco Home Furnishings. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**DOWNTOWN REHABILITATION GRANT PHASE V**

Richards moved to make \$14,271.50 left from Downtown Rehabilitation Grant Phases III & IV available for a Phase V Program. Phase V will utilize the same forms and paperwork as Phase IV and will be done on a case by case basis with no deadline for applications. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dunlap called for a ten minute executive session at 8:12 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship to discuss potential litigation with everyone at the horseshoe in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 8:22 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 7-0.

**Meetings:**

**Work Session – Probation Officer**

**Tuesday March 28, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*