

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

March 3, 2014  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met March 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall, presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Dale Burton, Jerri Burton, Barbara Capron, Doug Hosier, Mike Leighty, Marion Morgan, Thomas Niegisch (6:33), Dewey Smith (6:40), Gary Smith. Council member absent: None.

Mike Leighty led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Burton Jerri moved to approve the Council Meeting minutes from February 18, 2014 as written. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Niegisch, Smith Gary. Motion carried 6-0-2.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 13-347**

Leighty moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance number 13-347 as presented. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 14-348**

Leighty moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance number 14-348 as presented. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Gary. Voting nay: Capron. Motion carried 7-1.

**VISITOR – BILL HIRSCHLER**

Bill Hirschler, ING representative, addressed the council with information regarding a retirement plan option for city employees that could be utilized in addition to the current KPERS retirement package. No action was taken at this time.

**VISITOR – BRUCE REMSBERG**

Bruce Remsberg, Professional Engineering Consultant representative, addressed the council regarding bids received on the Sanitary Sewer Lagoon Improvement – Part A Sludge Removal Project and Part B Flow Monitoring Project.

Remsberg stated each bid for Part A included the base and add/alternate pricing. The base bid covered sludge removal, while the add/alternate portion included 10” pipe replacement within the lagoon.

Remsberg informed the council that a single bid was received on Part B Flow Monitoring Project, this bid exceeded the expected project cost and PEC recommended the council reject this bid.

**SANITARY SEWER LAGOON IMPROVEMENT BIDS – PART A SLUDGE REMOVAL**

Six bids were received through Professional Engineering Consultants regarding the Sanitary Sewer Lagoon Improvement Project – Part A Sludge Removal. Bids are as follows:

Middlecreek Corporation	\$ 458,000.00	Peabody, Kansas
Add Alternate/total bid	\$ 489,000.00	
Reed Dozing and Contract, LLC	\$ 734,000.00	Sheldon, Missouri
Add Alternate/total bid	\$ 782,400.00	
Parker Ag Services, LLC	\$ 954,500.00	Limon, Colorado
Add Alternate/total bid	\$ 989,500.00	
Denali Water Solutions	\$1,069,000.00	Russellville, Arkansas
Add Alternate/total bid	\$1,419,000.00	
Synagro Central, LLC	\$1,411,600.00	Baltimore, Maryland
Add Alternate/total bid	\$1,461,800.00	
Midwest Injection, Inc.	\$1,535,000.00	Cascade, Iowa
Add Alternate/total bid	\$1,605,000.00	

**SANITARY SEWER LAGOON IMPROVEMENT BID RECOMMENDATION**

Burton Jerri moved to accept the bid from Middlecreek Corporation, Peabody, Kansas in the amount of \$489,000.00 for the Sanitary Sewer Lagoon Improvement Project – Part A Sludge Removal add alternate/total bid. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**PEC FEE ADJUSTMENT**

Burton Jerri moved to accept and sign the PEC Adjustment in Fee for the City Hall Exterior Repair Project #335-13E94-5052 as presented. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: Burton Dale. Motion carried 8-1.

**VISITOR - ERIN SMITH**

Mrs. Smith, a nursing student from Pittsburg State University and Columbus resident, addressed the council regarding health and wellness issues and their impact on Columbus citizens as part of her education requirement.

**FARMER CO-OP EASEMENT**

Hosier moved to allow City Attorney to draw up easement for Farmer’s Co-op Anhydrous Plant on City’s right of way road going into the lagoons off Highway 69. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

Smith Dewey moved to approve reimbursement of \$1257.48 to Pamela Theolet out of # 07-000-59990 for overpayment on account. Smith Gary seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **DUMPSTER/GARBAGE**

Smith Gary moved to allow Crabb Custom Cabinets located at 411 North Kansas to have dumpster and garbage services without being a city water or sewer customer. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri. Motion carried 7-2.

### **APPROVE SIGNAGE – STATE FARM**

Niegisch moved to allow Terry Bessman, State Farm Agent, to install office signs at 121 North Kansas as indicated on design mockup. Smith Gary seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **APPROVE RAMP – STATE FARM**

Niegisch moved to allow Terry Bessman, State Farm Agent, to install handicap accessible ramp at 121 North Kansas as indicated on design mockup. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: Burton Dale. Motion carried 8-1.

### **STEP INCREASE – DAVID ALLEN**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for David Allen, Fire Truck Relief Driver, from \$8.65 to \$8.87 per hour, Range 6 Step E per Appendix A, effective 03/02/2014. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

### **STEP INCREASE – PATRICK DOBYNS**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Patrick Dobyns, Police Officer II, from \$11.28 to \$11.54 per hour, Range 9 Step C per Appendix A-1, effective 3/02/2014. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **STEP INCREASE – KYLE CLARK**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Kyle Clark, Police officer II, from \$11.54 to \$11.80 per hour, Range 9 Step D per Appendix A-1, retro to 2/16/2014. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **STEP INCREASE – ANNE SHARP**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Anne Sharp, Police Officer II and School Resource Officer, from \$14.16 to \$14.49 per hour, Range 10 Step J per Appendix A-1, effective 3/02/2014. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**HIRE MIKE MCCORMICK – METER READER**

Morgan moved to hire Mike McCormick as meter reader with a starting pay of \$8.87 per hour Range 7 Step B per Appendix A effective 3/04/2014. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADVERTISE FOR LABOR POSITION**

Morgan moved to allow City Clerk to advertise for open laborer position. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADVERTISE FOR LIFEGURADS**

Capron moved to allow City Clerk to advertise for pool lifeguards. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: Hosier. Motion carried 8-1.

**ROBIN WELLS – RECREATION BOARD**

Burton Jerri moved to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Robin Wells to the Recreation Board until October 2017. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**DAVID CARRIGER – RECREATION BOARD**

Smith Dewey moved to accept the Mayor’s appointment of David Carriger to the Recreation Board until October 2017. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Niegisch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Hosier, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**Meetings:**

**Budget and Finance**

Wednesday March 5, 2014 @ 6:30 pm

  
Cherri Chancellor City Clerk