

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2017

6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met March 6, 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, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Drew Richards, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Alvin Patterson.

Clara White with St. Rose Catholic Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of February 21, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-431 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett, Richards. Motion carried 7-0-2.

VISITOR – KATRINA CURRY

Katrina Curry approached the council with a request to consider allowing chickens to be kept inside the city limits. Ms. Curry presented many positive things that chickens can provide. Sam Glover, Melvin Myers and Jennifer Burton also spoke in favor of allowing chickens. The council deferred the issue to the Police and Licensing Committee for further review.

VISITOR – SAM EDDINGTON AND MORGAN CASSIDY

Sam Eddington and Morgan Cassidy, representing the Columbus High School Junior Class, approached the council seeking permission to close Pine Street, between Kansas and Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Street, between Maple and Pine on April 1st, 2017 from 5:15 p.m. to 12:00 midnight for prom. They requested parking be allowed on these two blocks for family members, but no through traffic.

STREET CLOSING FOR PROM

Burton moved to allow street closings on April 1st, 2017 from 5:15 p.m. to 12:00 midnight for high school prom as presented. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Jerri Burton excused herself from council meeting at 7:30 p.m. due to illness.

CHARTER ORDINANCE 1401

Speith moved to approve Charter Ordinance 1401, *A Charter Ordinance establishing the nomination petition process for candidates filing for municipal office with The City of Columbus, Kansas*. Council agreed to require ten (10) qualified signatures for council seat and fifty (50) qualified signatures for mayor. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Mayor Schaiff, Bennet, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0

ORDINANCE 1402

Speith moved to approve Ordinance 1402, *An Ordinance enacting procedures for managed care to trap, neuter and return feral cats*. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Speith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

RESOLUTION 500

Speith moved to approve Resolution 500, *A resolution fixing a time and place and providing for notice of a hearing before the governing body of the City of Columbus, KS regarding demolition of property at 523 W. Olive Street, Columbus, KS*. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Speith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0

DEPARTMENT HEADS TO CONTACT MAYOR

Dunlap moved to require department heads to contact the mayor if they are going to be out of the office. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennet, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Speith. Voting nay: Richards. Motion carried: 7-1.

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION

Dunlap moved to accept Robert Kimberling resignation not in good standing. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Speith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION

Dunlap moved to accept Dylan Kreiger resignation not in good standing. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Speith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

ADVERTISE FOR POLICE OFFICE I

Dunlap moved to advertise for the position of Police Officer I. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Speith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

CHAMBER DONATION

Speith moved to donate \$2500.00 to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, to be paid out of the transient guest tax fund. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

CHAMBER DONATION - FIREWORKS

Speith moved to donate \$1500.00 to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce for fireworks, to be paid out of the transient guest tax fund. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

TRANSFER FUNDS TO CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Speith moved to invest up to \$2,000,000.00 into a three (3) month certificate of deposit with American Bank. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: Opela. Motion carried 7-1.

MAYOR PROCLAMATION

Opela moved to accept Mayor’s Proclamation of Flood Plain Safety Awareness Week March 6th – March 10th, 2017. Speith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Tuesday March 7, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Water & Sewer

Tuesday March 7, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Police & Licensing

Wednesday March 8, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development

Wednesday March 8, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Streets, Alley & Bridges

Wednesday March 15, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Judi Mogle Assistant City Clerk