

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 1, 2017

6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met May 1, 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, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Ron Johnson and Drew Richards.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of April 17, 2017 council meeting minutes as amended and Appropriation Ordinance 17-435 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

VISITOR – JUDY BLUNK

Judy Blunk representing Southeast Kansas Independent Living Resource Center (SKIL) informed the council about their annual appreciation picnic to be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 25 at the Columbus City Park. Ms. Blunk added the event will be titled Gwain January Memorial Picnic this year. They are honoring Mr. January, who passed away last year, for his years of service with SKIL and their clients. The picnic is open to the public.

LAURA LOWERY-GREEN

Laura Lowery Green, co-owner of Maple Uncommon Guest House and Gallery provided progress update on new logo and signage for their business. Mrs. Green noted the artwork was donated by several area artists and friends. She provided articles from the Joplin Globe and News Report on the renovations. Mrs. Green informed their sign on East Avenue will be updated in the near future. She also invited the council and the public to the Gallery Sunday, May 7 for a reception and showing of artists from the Pittsburg COOP.

INCOME SURVEY – CDBG

Treasurer Doug Mogle spoke to the council about Community Development Block Grant opportunities. He stated the City attempted to complete an income survey of the community through Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission in the past year or two, but did not get a good response. The Cherokee County Ambulance Service is looking to apply for grants in the next couple of years and to be eligible for these opportunities the cities in the ambulance service area have to have income surveys done. He is asking for the council to consider trying the survey again and possibly offering an incentive to encourage more participation. Mogle stated this could be a win/win for the City and the Ambulance Service. Having qualifying numbers in the low to moderate income survey would aid the City's eligibility for grants as well. Mogle offered to talk with SEKRPC and get more information if the council is interested.

INCOME SURVEY – CDBG

Spieth moved to proceed with idea to incentivize CDBG income survey project, rewarding customers who completed a CDBG survey form. Paradee seconded the motion.

Motion and second were rescinded before a vote.

CDBG RESEARCH

Spieth moved to allow City Treasurer to research CDBG survey process with Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission in Chanute. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye:

Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

TEMPORARY ALCOHOL PERMIT – STATE THEATRE

City Clerk Chancellor informed the council that Janelle Bowman of the State Theatre has requested a second Temporary Alcohol Permit for this location. Last council meeting a permit was approved for a function on May 5, 2017. They have another event booked for May13 and are uncertain if their regular permit will be approved in time.

TEMPORARY ALCOHOL PERMIT – STATE THEATRE

Dunlap moved to allow a Temporary Alcohol Permit for the State Theatre for May 13, 2017.

Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Spieth. Voting nay: Patterson. Motion carried 7-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Spieth called for a ten minute executive session at 7:40 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship to discuss a legislative matter with everyone at the horseshoe in attendance. Burton seconded the motion.

Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:50 P.M.

No action was taken.

PROBATION SUPERVISOR – DEVON ANDERSON

Dunlap moved to approve Devon Anderson for the contracted position of Probation Supervisor.

Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

RESIGNATION – JIMMY HAMILTON

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Police Officer Jimmy Hamilton effective May 1, 2017 not in good standing. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian,

Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

ADVERTISE FOR POLICE OFFICER

Dunlap moved to advertise for open Police Officer position. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None.

Motion carried 8-0.

PURCHASE WATER METERS

Paradee moved to approve purchase of fifteen (15) 2” Kamstrup ultrasonic water meters from DC&B Supply at a price of \$595 each to be paid out of water reserves. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

CLEAN DUCTS/VENTS

Opela moved to approve Serv Pro of Carthage, Missouri proposal to clean and sanitize vents and ductwork at the Community Building and City Hall not to exceed \$9,412.00, to be paid out of property reserves. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

SIDEWALK GRANT - NEWBERRY

Opela moved to approve John Newberry South Pennsylvania sidewalk grant application, not to exceed \$1,800.00. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

TRANSFER FUNDS

Spieth moved to approve transfer of \$20,000.00 from 2016 contingency fund to street reserve capital fund. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Meetings:

Water/Sewer

Thursday May 4, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery

Tuesday May 9, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sanitation

Tuesday May 9, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Police & Licensing

Wednesday May 10, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Personnel

Wednesday May 10, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.

Property/Pool/Parks

Thursday May 11, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk