

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 15, 2017

6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met May 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor W.E. Schaiff. Council members present: Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, James Lucian, Sammie Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Connie Bennett and Ron Johnson.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of May 1, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-436 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Richards. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Mayor Schaiff closed the regular council meeting and called the condemnation hearing to order.

Mayor Schaiff asked if anyone was present that would like to speak on behalf of 132 North Parmenter. Dave Touchton of D&T Rentals provided 132 North Parmenter is one of their rental properties. He stated the garage roof has been replace as well as some of the siding. Police Chief Daniels inquired about plans for the house. Mr. Touchton stated they would like to make repairs and possibly sell the property. He asked the council for time to complete repairs.

**EXTENSION – 132 NORTH PARMENTER**

Dunlap moved to approve thirty day extension for 132 North Parmenter with progress report at the June 19 city council meeting. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Schaiff asked for public comment on 134 North Parmenter. Luke Prauser informed the council his intent is to tear the house down. All utilities have been disconnected and he has contacted B3 Construction to take down the building and clean up the property. Prauser noted B3 will be able to do the work the first part of June.

**EXTENSION – 134 NORTH PARMENTER**

Dunlap moved to approve sixty day extension for 134 North Parmenter with progress report at the July 3 city council meeting. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Schaiff asked for comment concerning 307 North Magnolia. Police Chief Jason Daniels provided a letter from Maurica Riker-Jones, property owner of 307 North Magnolia. Owner states all utilities will be abandoned by May 25. A contractor has been hired to remove the building and debris the end of May or first part of June.

**EXTENSION – 307 NORTH MAGNOLIA**

Dunlap moved to approve extension for 307 North Magnolia with progress report at the July 3 city council meeting. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Schaiff closed the condemnation hearing and opened the regular council meeting.

**BEST OF THE BEST AWARDS - TEDLOCK/MATTICE**

NaCole Eby of the The Cherokee County News Advocate presented certificates to Fire Fighter Jaden Tedlock and Police Lieutenant Stephen Mattice for being voted Cherokee County Best of the Best in their respective divisions.

**VETERAN MEMORIAL – ATHENA MCCOLM**

Athena McColm provided Veteran’s Memorial information to the council members. Ms. McColm is working with Cherokee County Commissioners and several entities to raise funds for a Veteran’s Memorial on the northeast corner of the Cherokee County Courthouse lawn. One informational meeting has been held thus far, the next meeting will be 7:00 p.m., May 23 at the Community Building. She is consulting with a monument company out of Parsons, Kansas. The 72’ X 72’ monument is quoted at \$20,200.00. Memorial granite pavers will be available for purchase to honor veterans at \$100.00 each. McColm plans to visit with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and others regarding donations for this memorial. Cherokee County Commissioners will donate to the project, but have not committed to a definite amount to date.

**LMI SURVEYS**

City Treasurer Doug Mogle provided more information on the income survey project through Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission. SEKRPC states we can count completed surveys from the last program and add to until we meet our target. He would like the council or a committee to approve incentive for survey response. Mayor Schaiff asked Mogle, Council Member Grant Spieth, City Clerk Chancellor and City Superintendent Burton to get together and work on incentive and possible grant projects. Group will also check on City’s debt obligations to see which ones can be paid down or paid off early without penalty.

**FLOODING ISSUES**

City Superintendent Jim Burton provided pictures and flooding information from the recent rains. Burton stated 13 manholes surcharged after the last storm. Several areas in town including Pennsylvania/Minnesota had major water issues.

**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER – NATE JONES**

Spieth moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Nate Jones as Volunteer Firefighter. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**RESOLUTION 505 – 523 WEST OLIVE**

Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 505 – *A Resolution Finding That the Structure Located at 523 W. Olive Street, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, Consisting of Lot 19 Block 1 in Columbus Deems Addition, Columbus, Kansas, is Unsafe and Dangerous, and Directing That*

*the Structure Be Removed and the Premises Made Safe and Secure.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**TERMINATION – ROGER BERGEN**

Dunlap moved to terminate Roger Bergen, Seasonal Laborer, not in good standing. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**DIGITAL WATER METERS**

Paradee moved to phase in digital water meters throughout the City and to spend up to \$40,000 this year on these meters to be paid out of water reserves and to budget the remaining meters over the next four years. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: Richards. Motion carried 7-1.

**BID GARBAGE TRUCK**

Patterson moved to allow City Superintendent to go out of bid on a new garbage truck. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**CHANGE TRAFFIC SIGNS**

Lucian moved to change yield signs to stop signs at the intersections of South Pennsylvania and West Mulberry, South Pennsylvania and West Olive, South Minnesota and West Olive and South Minnesota and West Mulberry. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson. Voting nay: Burton, Richards, Spieth. Motion carried 5-3.

**POOL MANUAL**

Opela moved to adopt City Pool Manual as amended. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**Meetings:**

**Personnel**

**Wednesday May 17, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Streets/Alleys/Bridges**

**Thursday May 18, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Economic Development**

**Tuesday May 23, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Budget/Finance**

**Tuesday May 23, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*