

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 2, 2016
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met May 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Dexter Opela. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, James Lucian, Sammie Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, W.E. Schaiff, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: None.

Council member Grant Spieth led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Burton moved to approve Council Meeting minutes of April 18, 2016 as corrected. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-407

Burton moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 16-407 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VISITOR – *KATY QUALLS*

Katy and Brian Qualls presented a \$1,400.00 donation to the City in the memory of their son Ian, to be used to help fund a skate park in Reeves Park.

CONDEMNATION HEARING

Mayor Opela opened the Condemnation Hearing for 422 W. Sycamore, 416 W. Walnut and 521 N. Indiana by asking if anyone was present to represent any of the properties. No one came forward for any of the properties.

Burton moved to proceed with condemnation for 422 W. Sycamore, 416 W. Walnut and 521 N. Indiana. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

CLOSE CONDEMNATION HEARING

Burton moved to close condemnation hearing. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

VISITOR – *TERRY SERCER*

Terry Sercer of Diehl, Banwart, Bolton accounting firm addressed the council with findings from the 2015 City audit. Mr. Sercer informed the City received an unqualified opinion in accordance with regulatory basis of accounting which is an accounting that is designed to show compliance to Kansas Statutes. He also commented that Columbus has very healthy cash and reserve

balances. Sercer stated as a general rule it is good to have at least a couple month's expenses in your balances. The City was not cited for any statutory violations.

WATER TOWER REPAIR – INLAND POTABLE

Burton moved to approve Inland Potable Services Inc. quote of \$5,825.00 for City Park water tower repairs to be paid out of water reserves. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

WATER TOWER REPAIRS – UTILITY SERVICES

Richards moved to approve Utility Service Inc. quote of \$12,500.00 for City Park water tower hatch repairs to be paid out of water reserves. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REMOVE PLAY EQUIPMENT

Burton moved to allow city workers to remove damaged merry-go-round from Reeves Park. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

CONDEMNATION – 1107 EAST MAPLE

Burton moved to proceed with setting condemnation hearing date for the garage at 1107 East Maple. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAGERS

Bennett moved to approve the purchase of 10 Motorola pagers from CDL Electric for the fire department in the amount of \$3,857.20 to be paid out of small equipment. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 10-0.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE OVERHEAD DOORS

Schaiff moved to leave the cemetery maintenance building overhead doors on the west side of the building. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ANIMAL CONTROL DOG BOX

Lucian moved to approve purchase of animal control truck dog box from Jackson Creek Manufacturing Inc. in the amount of \$6,537.00 to be paid out of animal control equipment and animal control equipment reserves. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Lucian, Opela, Spieth. Voting nay: Bennett, Dunlap, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Motion failed 4-6.

STREET SWEEPER BIDS

Opela moved to reject all street sweeper bids. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE POLICE OFFICER – GARY HOLT

Dunlap moved to approve Gary Holt for the position of Police Officer II with a starting wage of \$13.28 per hour providing he passes all pre-employment testing. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

RESIGNATION – ROGER JOHNSTON

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Roger Johnston, Laborer, effective May 6, 2016 in good standing providing he fulfills his two week notice. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

POOL POSITION HIRING

Dunlap moved to have Pool Manager and Assistant Pool Managers, recommended through the personnel committee, having input on Lifeguard hiring. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a thirty minute executive session at 8:36 p.m. until 9:06 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Council, Mayor and City Attorney in attendance. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 9:06 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schaiff called for a twenty minute executive session at 9:06 p.m. until 9:26 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Council, Mayor and City Attorney in attendance. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Burton. Motion carried 9-1.

REGULAR SESSION 9:26 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

Streets

Wednesday May 4, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Property/Pool/Parks

Monday May 9, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

(will meet at the City Park)

Personnel

Tuesday May 10, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Budget & Finance

Wednesday May 11, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk