

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 21, 2016  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met November 21, 2016 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.

Pastor Bob Colerick of the First Christian Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of November 7, 2016 council meeting minutes, November 7, 2016 condemnation hearing minutes and appropriations ordinance 16-420 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**VISITOR – LAUREN CHESNER-DAINTY**

Columbus Library Director Lauren Chesner-Dainty presented the idea of a story walk at the City Park. She provided pictures of the Independence Zoo project and explained that a children's book is selected, the pages enlarged and printed on vinyl. These pages are staged at intervals around the path allowing people to read a book as they walk. Books can be changed with themes to match the season or time of year. Mile marker and/or activities could be listed at the bottom of the page. Chesner-Dainty offered this program would promote family bonding//interaction, literacy, being active, encourage people to come to the park and it would bring something new to the community. Removable versus permanent posts/placement was considered. She is asking for permission from the council to move forward with this project.

**CITY PARK BOOK WALK**

Opela moved to allow the Library to use the City Park for their story walk program next year using the temporary placement signs. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**RESOLUTION 493**

Burton moved to adopt Resolution 493 - *A Resolution Finding That the Structure Located at 521 North Indiana Avenue, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, Consisting of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2 in Lee's Second Addition, Columbus, Kansas, is Unsafe and Dangerous, and Directing That the Structure be Removed and the Premises Made Safe and Secure.* Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**VISITOR – NEAL ANDERSON**

Neal Anderson recently elected Cherokee County Commissioner introduced himself to the council and stated he is looking forward to working closely with the City Council in the coming year.

**VISITORS – BOY SCOUTS**

Scout Leader Phillip Bass introduced members of his group and stated they are here to observe the council meeting as part of the process to obtain merit/communication badges.

**PURCHASE BUNKER GEAR**

Bennett moved to allow Fire Department to purchase bunker gear from Fire Master Equipment in the amount of \$9,300.00. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**CEMETERY BUILDING PLUMBING**

Johnson moved to approve Gilmore Plumbing quote for cemetery building plumbing fixtures and installation in the amount of \$4,222.00 to be paid out of property. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: Opela. Motion carried 8-1.

**CEMETERY SEXTON WORK SCHEDULE**

Burton moved to utilize the Cemetery Sexton in town during the winter months as needed. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: Dunlap, Lucian, Spieth. Motion carried 6-3.

**WORK SESSION**

Burton moved to schedule a work session for Tuesday November 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss truck purchase for use at the cemeteries. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**PURCHASE TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

Richards moved to purchase telephone system for City Hall from Parcom in the amount of \$5,275.00 to be paid out of Administration, Police, and Fire Departments; this price includes equipment, installation, training and 2 year warranty. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ORDINANCE 514 – VACATE WASHINGTON STREET**

Spieth moved to republish and register Ordinance 514 – *An Ordinance Vacating and Discontinuing a Portion of Washington Street in Householder’s Addition to Columbus, Kansas, and Cancelling and Repealing All Ordinances, Parts of Ordinances and Instruments in Conflict Herewith.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **CHAMBER BUCKS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES**

Burton moved to give full time city employees and volunteer fire fighters \$25.00 in Holiday Chamber Bucks, not to be used for alcohol or tobacco purchase to be paid out of 59990 from respective departments to be issued with the December 9 payroll. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried 8-0-1.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Burton called for a five minute executive session at 8:18 p.m. for confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **REGULAR SESSION 8:23 P.M.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Spieth called for a five minute executive session at 8:24 p.m. for personnel matters of non - elected personnel with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **REGULAR SESSION 8:29 P.M.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Streets/Alleys/Bridges**

**Monday November 28, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.**

#### **Economic Development**

**Monday November 28, 2016 @ 5:50 p.m.**

#### **Personnel**

**Monday November 28, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Work session**

**Tuesday November 29, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Cemetery**

**Tuesday November 29, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Police and Licensing**

**Tuesday November 29, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*