

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 2017
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met September 18, 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, Alvin Patterson and Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Drew Richards.

Pastor Mike Jones of Center Christian Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of September 5, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-444 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

VISITOR – DAVE TOUCHTON – 132 NORTH PARMENTER

Dave Touchton appeared before the council with an update for the cleanup of property at 132 North Parmenter. Police Chief Daniels had pictures to show the progress.

REMOVE FROM CONDEMNATION LIST – 132 NORTH PARMENTER

Burton moved to remove 132 North Parmenter from the condemnation/demolition list due to the property being cleaned up and repaired as requested. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

City Treasurer Report –

- Cash Balance Sheets in your council packet.
- Would like to review investment interest rates at a future Budget/Finance committee meeting.

City Superintendent Report –

- Citywide Fall Cleanup began today.
- Mosquito spraying Wednesday 9/20 and Thursday 9/21.
- Pool painting this week, weather permitting.
- Spoke with property owner of fence involved with Mulberry drainage project, they would like ditch to be covered and fence replaced.
- Cemetery water update - easements still needed; have asked for quote from rural water district for alternate route.
- Crossland Park soccer field – plan to seed with turf fescue this fall, trying to acquire aerator or rotary hoe for the project.
- Brush at bridge – still on the to do list.
- Cemetery paving – Teeters can will be in the first week of October. Burton was asked to visit with the foreman about concrete costs and the feasibility of city crews providing the labor.

-Will be blocking off 100 block of East Walnut Street Tuesday, October 3 for the Health Departments annual drive through flu clinic.

City Clerk –

- Miss Columbus banquet and pageant, Saturday September 30 at CUHS. City has a table, contact City Clerk for reservations.
- Employee recognition for years of service: 20 years – Terri Kershaw, Jeff Woods; 15 years – Russell Zwahlen; 10 years – Jim Burton, Jason Daniels.
- Community Building Marquee training in the next few weeks, plan to train 3-4 people.
- Empire District tree event update – flyers will be going out in the September water bills. Signup will begin online October 7, tree pickup and planting demonstration November 17 at the City Park.

Chief of Police –

- September 10 cookout had a large turnout. Thank you to Carolyn Eddington for all of her efforts in putting together the celebration. Several area businesses, clubs, churches and individuals were instrumental in helping with the event.
- Officer Saxinger’s Academy training has been moved up, she will be leaving October 1 with graduation in January.

Fire Chief –

- Fire bay exhaust system bid specs ready for Attorney review.
- Fire prevention week first week of October, will be doing programs with the local schools and daycares.
- Fire runs down.

City Attorney-

- Resolution - 523 West Olive
- Resolution - 515 West Olive
- Resolution - 203 South Idaho
- Attended training last week through the City Attorney Association of Kansas. Reviewed new legislation for cities.

RESOLUTIONS 516/517/518 – DEMOLITION HEARINGS

Opela moved to adopt Resolutions 516/517/518 – *Resolutions Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which the Owners, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest of a Structure Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Unsafe and Dangerous Structure and Debris Should not be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

City Attorney –

- Crossland Construction Industrial Revenue Bond Complete – written notice that they wish to purchase the property as provided for in the agreement.

MAYOR TO SIGN

Spieth moved to allow the Mayor to sign necessary documents for the closing/transfer of property to Crossland Construction as provided for by the IRB lease agreement. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESIGNATION – BREAH BIGGERSTAFF

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Breah Biggerstaff, Laborer, not in good standing; effective September 10, 2017. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a ten minute executive session at 7:07 p.m. for attorney client privilege to discuss an employee issue with the Council, Mayor, Attorney, City Superintendent and Fire Chief in attendance. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:17 P.M.

TERMINATION – BREAH BIGGERSTAFF

Dunlap moved to terminate Breah Biggerstaff, Volunteer Firefighter, per Ordinance 1367 and Article XI of the Personnel Handbook. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

PARK EQUIPMENT

Johnson moved to approve up to \$35,000 playground equipment purchase with \$30,000 being paid out of park equipment reserve and \$5,000 out of park transfer out to reserve. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

MILLS TO ALLEY

Opela moved to allow the application of millings to the alley between Kansas and Pennsylvania Streets from Olive Street to Elm Street. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Burton called for a five minute executive session at 7:41 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss a personnel issue with the Council, Mayor, Attorney, Fire Chief and City Clerk in attendance. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:46 P.M.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Meetings:

Budget & Finance

Thursday 9/21/2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Tuesday 9/26/2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Police & Licensing

Tuesday 9/26/2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Sanitation

Tuesday 10/03/2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk