

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 19, 2016  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met September 19 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor W.E. Schaiff. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Steve Dunlap, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Drew Richards, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Jerri Burton, Alvin Patterson.

Ron Johnson led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

W.E. Schaiff was promoted to the office of Mayor with the resignation of Dexter Opela. Schaiff announced the first order of business would be to elect a new President of the Council and asked for nominations.

**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

Bennett nominated Grant Spieth for the position of President of the Council. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Spieth. Motion carried 6-0-1.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Richards moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of September 6, 2016 council meeting minutes, September 6, 2016 budget hearing minutes and appropriations ordinance 16-416 as presented. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: Lucian. Motion carried 6-1.

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Spieth moved to approve special meeting minutes of September 12, 2016 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Dunlap, Richards. Motion carried 5-0-2.

**VISITOR – LARRY CORNOG**

Larry Cornog, 320 South Lash approached the council asking for a portion of Olive Street and the north/south alley on his property be vacated as indicated on the aerial map provided. Mr. Cornog stated he and his wife are selling the property and vacating these would aid in the transfer of the property. Attorney Wright had prepared draft ordinances for the council to review.

**ORDINANCE 1389 – VACATE ALLEY**

Richards moved to approve Ordinance 1389 - *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Vacating the North-South Alley, Located in Lash's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, South of Elm Street, Bordering on the West in Block 4, Lots 6,7,8,9, and 10, and Bordering on the West in Block 5, Lots 7,8,9,10,11 and 12; Bordering on the East in Block 4, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and*

*Bordering on the East in Block 5, Lots 6,7, 8, 9, and 10, Subject to Utility Easements.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE 1390 – VACATE OLIVE STREET**

Richards moved to approve Ordinance 1390 – *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas Vacating a Portion of Olive Street, Running East and West, Located in Lash’s 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, South of Elm Street, East of S. Lash Avenue, Bordering on the North in Block 4, Lots 5 and 6, and Bordering on the South in Block 5, Lots 1 and 12, Subject to Utility Easements.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**VISITOR – LAURA AND MEL GREENE**

Laura Greene addressed the council requesting an extension on the Downtown Rehabilitation Matching Grant they had received for the Maple UnCommon. Mrs. Greene stated the artist they are using for the sign design will not be able to meet the November 2016 deadline. Economic development committee chair Drew Richards asked the Greene’s to attend an upcoming committee meeting for further discussion.

**SEWER/LIFT STATION REPAIR**

Spieth moved to approve Bennett, Inc. bid of \$186,350.00 for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement by CO-OP and the Crow’s Lift Station Repairs as presented by Professional Engineering Consultants, Pittsburg, Kansas to be paid out of sewer reserves/ capital projects and allow the mayor to sign all necessary documents. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Dunlap. Motion carried 6-0-1.

**CLOSE STREET FOR FLU CLINIC**

Lucian moved to close Walnut Street from Kansas to Indiana, Monday, October 3, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to allow Cherokee County Health Department to conduct a drive through flu clinic. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE 1391 - APPOINTMENTS**

Spieth moved to approve Charter Ordinance 1391 – *A Charter Ordinance Amending Charter Ordinance No. 1301 and Charter Ordinance No. 1250, Providing Substitute Provisions Regarding City Employment Positions and Appointed positions and Repealing All Other Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith.* Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

*\*Mayor vote. Because the term “governing body” includes the mayor, the mayor has an original vote on charter ordinances.* Governing Body Handbook, LKM; May 2015; page 60.

**ORDINANCE 1392 - FULL TIME EMPLOYEE PAY RAISE**

Dunlap moved to approve Ordinance 1392 – *An Ordinance by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending the Personnel Regulations for the Employees of the City of*

*Columbus, Kansas, to Increase the Pay of all Permanent, Full-time Employees and Repealing any Ordinance or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith as amended. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.*

**ORDINANCE 1393 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Dunlap moved to approve Ordinance 1393 – *An Ordinance Enacted by the Governing Body of Columbus, Kansas, Repealing Ordinances No. 959, Ordinance No. 1038, Ordinance No. 1072, Ordinance No. 1178 and Ordinance No. 1240 and Re-Establishing the Position of City Administrator and a Revised Position Description.* Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: Bennett, Lucian. Motion failed 5-2.

**JOB DESCRIPTION EFFECTIVE DATE**

Dunlap moved to approve December 1, 2016 as the effective date for updated job descriptions approved at the September 6, 2016 council meeting. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**CITY CLERK CERTIFICATION/RAISE**

Dunlap moved to approve \$1.00 per hour pay increase for Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk, for recent Certified Municipal Clerk certification (CMC) retro to August 25, 2016. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**METER READER – EVAN GURNEE**

Dunlap moved to approve Evan Gurnee for the position of Meter Reader with a starting wage of \$9.65 per hour, providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Dunlap moved to approve the mayor’s appointments to standing committees as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMITTEES: \*CHAIRMAN FIRST \*\*VICE CHAIRMAN SECOND 2016 (Schaiff)**

**Personnel**

\*Steve Dunlap, \*\*Grant Spieth, Sammye Opela

**Budget & Finance**

\*Grant Spieth, \*\*Drew Richards, James Lucian

**Sanitation**

\*Alvin Patterson, \*\* Jerri Burton, Connie Bennett

**Cemetery**

\*Jerri Burton, \*\* Ron Johnson, Alvin Patterson

**Property/Pool/Parks**

\*Ron Johnson, \*\*Sammye Opela, Jerri Burton

**Economic Development**

\*Drew Richards, \*\*Connie Bennett, Steve Dunlap

**Fire**

\*Connie Bennett, \*\*James Lucian, Drew Richards

**Police & License**

\*James Lucian, \*\*Steve Dunlap, John Paradee

**Streets/Alleys/Bridges**

\*Sammye Opela, \*\*John Paradee, Ron Johnson

**Water & Sewer**

\*John Paradee, \*\*Alvin Patterson, Grant Spieth

**ALL GOD’S CREATURES**

Lucian moved for All God’s Creatures rescue animals to be removed from the city dog pound by September 30, 2016. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – RON JOHNSON**

Dunlap moved to approve the mayor’s appointment of Ron Johnson as ward 2 council person. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Lucian moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

**Meetings:**

**Economic Development**

**Tuesday September 20, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Personnel**

**Wednesday September 21, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Streets/Alleys/Bridges**

**Thursday September 22, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*