

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 5, 2017
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met September 5, 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, Drew Richards and Grant Spieth. Council members absent: None.

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 August 21, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-443 as presented. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Johnson, Opela. Motion carried 8-0-2.

VISITOR – POW/MIA – DEBRA BALL

Debra Ball announced that it is time for the annual Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Watchfire sponsored by the members and auxiliaries of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). She stated the Watchfire is in remembrance and honor of the POW/MIA Military Men and Women. Ms. Ball asked the council to allow the Watchfire to be held at the VFW pond and to waive the camping fees September 14-16.

ALLOW POW/MIA WATCHFIRE

Spieth moved to allow the annual POW/MIA Watchfire at the VFW Pond September 15 and to waive the camping fees for the participants of the event for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 14-16, 2017. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VISITOR – HANDICAP PARKING/RAMP – ROBIN JONES

Robin Jones, director of the New Life Evangelistic Center Free Store on Kansas Street, approached the council with a request for a handicap accessible parking space and ramp in the middle of the block near the Free Store. She stated this would be beneficial for volunteers as well as patrons of the store. It was acknowledged there are ramps and parking on the south and around the corner on the north end of the block. Council asked City Superintendent to get costs of the curb cut and regulation information for Street committee consideration.

VISITOR – 132 NORTH PARMENTER - DAVE TOUCHTON

Mr. Dave Touchton representative of D&T Rentals, provided a progress report for 132 North Parmenter. Mr. Touchton stated the crew is finishing up the siding on the house, they still have

trim and facia to finish on the outside as well as interior work. He is requesting an extension to be able to finish the project.

EXTENSION – 132 NORTH PARMENTER

Dunlap moved to approve demolition extension for 132 North Parmenter with progress report at the Monday September 18, 2017 council meeting. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

City Treasurer Report –

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

City Superintendent Report –

- Citywide Fall Cleanup scheduled for September 18-29.
- Mosquito spraying Wednesday 9/6 and Thursday 9/7.
- Digital water meters approved at last meeting have been ordered.
- Crews are getting the City Park ready for the community cookout on Sunday 9/10.
- Will be reseeding Crossland Park grass this fall, plan is to aerate, broadcast, harrow.
- No updates for cemetery rural water.
- Mulberry drainage project – have been granted one easement, talking with another property owner about fence.
- Cemetery paving – Teeter’s Paving currently working in Galena, asked to be next on their list. Will contact contractor working on Family Life parking lot project.
- No marquee update.
- Crack sealing, asked to continue with this project.
- Crews have been working on cleaning out some of the problem ditches.

City Clerk –

- Community cookout Sunday 9/10 to honor veterans/emergency responders. City Park 5:30 pm.
- Relay for Life event Saturday 9/16 City Park 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm.
- League of Kansas Municipalities hosting Regional Suppers during the month of October – the closest will be in Coffeyville 10/12 at 5:30 pm, contact City Clerk to register. These suppers are an opportunity to discuss the upcoming Legislative session and LKM 2018 priorities.
- Advance Life insurance renewal due. This is a \$20,000 life insurance policy for full time City employees paid for by the City. No rate increase for 2018; \$6.40/month per employee – approximately \$2,500.00 per year cost to the City.
- KissTECH on South Pennsylvania is installing a new sign on the front of their building, it will mount flush against the building and complies with all City Code Book requirements.

ADVANCE LIFE INSURANCE RENEWAL

Spieth moved to renew city funded employee life insurance through Advance Life Insurance. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Chief of Police –

B3 demolition quote for 322 North Railroad - \$3,400.00

B3 demolition quote for 415 West Walnut - \$2,800.00

APPROVE B3 QUOTE – 322 NORTH RAILROAD

Burton moved to approve B3 Construction quote of \$3,400.00 for demolition and cleanup of property at 322 North Railroad. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

APPROVE B3 QUOTE – 415 WEST WALNUT

Burton moved to approve B3 Construction quote of \$2,800.00 for demolition and cleanup of property at 415 West Walnut. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Chief of Police –

- Statement report and photographs for condemnation consideration of:
 - 203 South Idaho; two (2) structures – travel trailer
 - 515 West Olive
 - 523 West Olive, garage and yard cleanup

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS – 203 SOUTH IDAHO

Dunlap moved to start condemnation proceedings on designated structures and trailer located at 203 South Idaho and have City Attorney draw up resolution for the September 18 council meeting. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Patterson. Motion carried 9-0-1.

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS – 515 WEST OLIVE

Spieth moved to start condemnation proceedings on designated structures at 515 West Olive and have City Attorney draw up resolution for the September 18 council meeting. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS – 523 WEST OLIVE

Burton moved to start condemnation and cleanup proceedings on designated property at 523 West Olive and have City Attorney draw up resolution for the September 18 council meeting. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Fire Chief –

- Ward 5 fire hydrants testing and painting.
- 217 fire runs to date.
- County wide fire training Saturday 9/9 in Columbus.
- Emergency Relief Driver pay, currently at \$8.03/hour; would like council to consider increase.

RESOLUTION 515 – MARQUEE GUIDELINES

Richards moved to adopt Resolution 515 – *A Resolution by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Establishing Policies Pertaining to the City’s Digital Sign Located at the Community Center.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ORDINANCE 1412 – CROSSLAND LANE

Richards moved to approve Ordinance 1412– *An Ordinance Dedicating Crossland Lane, for Public Use.* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ORDINANCE 1413 – CROSSLAND LANE STOP SIGN

Burton moved to approve Ordinance 1413 – *An Ordinance Authorizing Traffic Control Signage for West Bound Traffic at the Intersection of SW 20th Street and Crossland Lane in Columbus, Kansas.* Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER – CORIE BROWN

Dunlap moved to approve Corie Brown for the position of Reserve Police Officer with a starting wage of \$9.00 per hour. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

POLICE SERGEANT – DAVID JUSTICE

Dunlap moved to approve David Justice for the position of Police Sergeant with a starting wage of \$17.38 per hour. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ADVERTISE POLICE OFFICER POSTION

Dunlap moved to advertise the open Police Officer position both in house and externally. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

FIRE DRIVER – ZACHARY DAVIS

Dunlap moved to approve Zachary Davis for the position of full time Fire Driver with a starting wage of \$11.31 per hour. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ADVERTISE RELIEF FIRE DRIVER POSITION

Dunlap moved to advertise the open Relief Fire Driver position both in house and externally. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

PURCHASE PATROL RIFLES

Lucian moved to allow Police Department purchase of six (6) Smith and Wesson patrol rifles from John’s Sporting Goods in the amount of \$3,540.00 as quoted, to be paid out of GL # 01-700-57540. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Mayor –

Tree Board – newspaper article inviting interested parties to contact City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Wednesday 9/06/2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Property/Pool/Parks

Wednesday 9/13/2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Wednesday 9/13/2017 @ 7:30 p.m.

Sanitation

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

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk