

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

June 2, 2014  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met June 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall, presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Dale Burton, Burton Jerri, Barbara Capron, Mike Leighty, Marion Morgan, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, Dewey Smith, Gary Smith. Council member absent: Thomas Niegisch.

Alvin Patterson led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Burton Jerri moved to approve Council Meeting minutes from May 19, 2014 as written. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Smith Dewey. Motion carried 8-0-1.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 14-354**

Smith Gary moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance number 14-354 as presented. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**VISITOR - PATRICIA GRANTZ**

Patricia Grantz approached the council with concerns regarding the cost of water and the possible hiring of a City Administrator. She reminded the council that many in the City are on fixed or limited incomes and the recent increase in the water bill and the doing away with bill adjustments for watering gardens and filling pools has a big impact. Mrs. Grantz also proposed the question can the City really afford the cost of a City Administrator.

**VISITOR – ROBIN WELLS**

Robin Wells approached the council on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to request use of the City Swimming Pool and City Park August 23, 2014 for the first annual Chamber Games. The Chamber will be hosting a competition among area athletes as a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce.

Council asked Mr. Wells to see if date could be moved up in August as school will have started and the pool will be closed by then. Request referred to Property/ Pools/Parks committee.

**VISITOR – DEBBIE MCGOWAN**

Mrs. McGowan approached the council over a bill received for weed notice and lawn mowing. City Superintendent explained the process involved in this procedure. Mrs. McGowan is to come by City Hall on Tuesday to review this matter in more detail.

**STORM SIREN GRANT**

Burton Jerri moved to approve and allow Mayor to sign storm siren grant application and if awarded to be paid out of property. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**PAVE STREETS**

Smith Dewey moved to pave streets as presented on map provided by City Superintendent with the stipulation the County pays half of the costs of the East Buckeye segment as agreed. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Dewey. Voting nay: Smith Gary. Motion carried 8-1.

**BID ASPHALT**

Smith Dewey moved to allow City Superintendent to go out for asphalt bids. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**OPEN FIRE TRUCK BIDS**

Four fire truck bids were received and opened at the council meeting as follows:

Pierce	Lawrence, Kansas	\$280,548.00	Peterbuilt with equipment
		\$276,334.00	Freightliner with equipment
E One	Salina, Kansas	\$245,057.00	without equipment
Ferrara Firemaster	Springfield, Missouri	\$227,986.00	International with trade in
		\$ 49,736.00	loose equipment
KME		\$223,827.00	

It was decided to send bids to committee for review to determine if they meet the bid specifications and compare pricing.

**HIRE SUMMER LABORER**

Morgan moved to hire Mason Bass for the position of Seasonal/Temporary/Part-time/Laborer for the street department with a starting wage of \$7.28 per hour, Range 4 Step C per Appendix A, providing he passes all pre-employment testing. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**HIRE CITY SUMMER LABORER**

Morgan moved to hire Mitchell Browning for the position of Seasonal/Temporary/Part-time/Laborer for the street department with a starting wage of \$7.28 per hour, Range 4 Step C per Appendix A, providing he passes all pre-employment testing. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**UPDATE JOB DESCRIPTION**

Morgan moved update the job description for the Seasonal/Temporary/Part-time Laborer position to reflect a 40 hour or less work week. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**HIRE FIRE RELIEF DRIVER**

Morgan moved to hire Jaden Tedlock for the position of Fire Department Relief Driver with a starting wage of \$8.23 per hour, Range 6 Step B per Appendix A. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADVERTISE FOR LABORER**

Morgan moved to allow the City Clerk to advertise one week internally for the position of full time Laborer. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**LEAPS ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH**

Morgan moved to utilize the League of Kansas Municipalities League Executive/Administrative Position Search Program (LEAPS) to find an Administrator for the City not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be paid out of Administration budget. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Richards, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: Patterson. Motion carried 8-1.

Council members are urged to review Ordinances 1178 and 1240 regarding the City Administrator job description and to make notes or mark areas of interest and return to City Clerk for presentation to the personnel committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Smith Dewey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**Meetings:**

**Fire**

Thursday June 5, 2014 @ 6:00 pm

**Personnel**

Monday June 9, 2014 @ 5:30 pm

**Economic Development**

Tuesday June 10, 2014 @ 6:00 pm

**Property/ Pools/Parks**

Tuesday June 10, 2014 @ 6:30 pm

**Budget & Finance**

Wednesday June 11, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.

  
Cheri Chancellor City Clerk