

RESOLUTION NO. 290

A RESOLUTION CENSURING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS

**WHEREAS**, W.E. Schaiff is presently serving as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor, has acted in a manner not in the best interests of the City of Columbus, Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor, has acted in violation of the stated rules and regulations of the City of Columbus, Kansas, and in contrary manner against the City Council of Columbus, Kansas, its committees and city personnel.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the governing body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, makes the following findings:

1. W.E. Schaiff, while acting as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, conducted a personal interview with certified Water and Sewer Operator candidate challenging credentials and training without Personnel Committee sanction with apparent intent to undermine the Committee's recommendation for hiring to the City Council.

2. W.E. Schaiff, while acting as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, caused City payments for legal expenditures and delay of implementation of City Council action by encouraging a citizen within the City of Columbus, Kansas, to file an injunction against the City in contravention of majority council action.

3. W.E. Schaiff, while acting as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, called certain citizens within the City to promote a recall campaign against selected council members of the City of Columbus, Kansas.

4. W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, has not been truthful on several occasions in response to City Council inquiries.

5. W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, directed the City Attorney to draft a hiring ordinance with no City

Council endorsement, deliberation, or approval thereby undermining the established public process of open deliberation, consideration, and policy setting, and has contacted selected council members to obtain their support for the ordinance in hopes of calling for a vote at a regular meeting without any committee consideration or public review or public notification of the proposed ordinance.

6. W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, has attempted to embarrass and humiliate city employees and city personnel at public meetings.

7. W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, has promoted opposition in the local media to committee supported action to renew an employment contract with the present City Administrator.

8. W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, has continuously directed unfounded criticism toward city department heads and discredited their performance in the community.

9. W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, while being suspected of sponsoring a petition to fire the City Administrator, when asked concerning the petition at a City Council meeting, arrogantly stated "No comment" and by supporting such petition, Mayor W.E. Schaiff has disseminated libelous and slanderous information about the employee, thereby subjecting the City to litigation and fiscal loss, discrediting the employee and the City Council within the community.

10. W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor of the City of Columbus, Kansas, has been working in an antagonistic and threatening fashion rather than in a cooperative, supportive manner with the personnel of the City and with the governing body of the City.


11. That W.E. Schaiff, as Mayor, solicited telephone records of city personnel without such employee's knowledge under the guise of looking for information to be used against such personnel thereby contributing to the loss of morale within the city work force.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, that Mayor W.E. Schaiff is hereby publically censured for his actions above stated and enumerated.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, that the within resolution shall be delivered to the said W.E. Schaiff this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2001.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the City Council shall sign the within Resolution and the City Clerk of the City of Columbus, Kansas shall attest this resolution and shall affix the City Seal thereto.

Passed by the governing body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2001.

  
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Anita Davolt -  
President of the Council

ATTEST:

  
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Kim Richards - City Clerk