

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met December 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson (6:31), Tom Pryor, Drew Richards. Council member absent: None.

Pastor Jim Thomas from the Sherman Baptist Church provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of December 3, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, Appropriation Ordinance 18-478 and Cereal Malt Beverage License renewals as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Dunlap, Johnson, Richards. Motion carried 7-0-3.

City Administrator Report-

- LMI survey update, still needing 480 qualifying submissions.
- Working on purchasing policy; draft at upcoming council meeting for consideration.
- Two options for new Council chairs on the north end of the room for your examination, please rate and provide feedback.

City Treasurer Report –

- Report in your packet with balances as of December 14, 2018.

Interim City Superintendent Report

- New lift station pump approved at last council meeting has been installed.
- Approved \$4,900 change order for curb work in front of New Beginnings Salon.
- Final week of leaf pickup.
- Several department employees will be attending Dig Safe Class in Girard.

City Clerk Report –

- Local Government Day opportunity through the League of Kansas Municipalities, Wednesday January 23, 2019 in Topeka. Chance to speak with representatives on topics of concern. Contact me to for more information or to register.
- Reminder that City offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday December 24 – 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Police Chief Report –

- Water pump being replaced on one of the patrol units, it will be back in service tomorrow.
- I am out of the office next week for the Christmas holiday and vacation, will be available by phone if needed. Lieutenant Dave Justice will be in charge of the department.

Fire Chief Report-

(Lead Driver Steven Burton in attendance for the department)

-289 fire runs to date.

-New UTV in service and has already been utilized.

-Picked up engine # 20 that has been in Springfield for pump repairs earlier today. Truck experienced engine issue on the way home, was able to make it to Freightliner in Joplin where it was left for service. This is not the truck included as a trade, in the firetruck purchase proposal in your packets.

-Worked with City Hall employees and Santa delivering Angel Tree presents Saturday December 15. Everything went smoothly.

-Council member Lucian asked for Florida truck update. Mr. Burton noted the Mayor is the City's contact person for this matter and deferred the question. Mayor Spieth stated there is no new information, still awaiting arrival of 2019 chassis and hoping for late January completion.

City Attorney Report –

-Have resolutions for council consideration under old and new business.

Old Business –

1. Consider approval of Resolution 544 concerning the City's participation in the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool.

City Attorney Barbara Wright explained this resolution allows the City to participate in the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool as discussed at the December 3 council meeting.

Opela moved to adopt Resolution 544, "*A Resolution by the City of Columbus, Kansas, Concerning the City's Decision to Participate in the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool, a Public Funds Investment Pool.*" Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

2. Consider approval of Ordinance 1428 vacating alley in Lisle Addition.

City Attorney Barbara Wright informed this ordinance will vacate the alley in Block 8 of Lisle Addition retaining a utility easement as discussed at the December 3 council meeting. Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1428, "*An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Vacating the East-West Alley, Located in Lisle's 1st Addition, Block 8, South of East Oak Street, North of East Sycamore Street, East of North 2nd Avenue and West of North 3rd Avenue, Bordering on the South of Lots 1,2,3, 4, 5, and 6 and Bordering on the North of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12; Measuring Approximately Twenty Feet (20') Wide and Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Feet (288') Long, Subject to the City Permanently Retaining All Utility Easements.*" Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Paterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Richards. Motion carried 9-0-1.

3. Consider approval of Cleaning Agreement with Helping Hands Services Inc. for City cleaning services.

City Administrator Daniela Rivas informed a cleaning agreement was included in council packets for review. The City Attorney has added language requiring insurance coverage by the cleaning provider. Contract will be amended to show the City will provide cleaning supplies. Richards moved to approve Helping Hands Service cleaning agreement as amended. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson,

Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Rivas noted she authorized a onetime deep clean of the Community Building and the Public Works building and respective bathrooms.

4. Discussion: Fire Department Shower Bids.

City Administrator Daniela Rivas reported to the council no bids were received for this project. Rivas directed Fire Chief Allison to get proposal from a vendor for council consideration.

New Business –

1. Consider approval of Public Forum Brochure.

City Administrator Daniela Rivas informed a sample Public Forum brochure was included in the council packet for review. Staff believes this can be an important tool for citizens wishing to address the council and recommends approval in order to have this information available to the public at the beginning of the new year. Dunlap moved to approve the Public Forum Brochure as presented. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

2. Consider purchase of 1995 Pierce Custom Pumper for Fire Department and trade in of Engine 21 – 1998 Freightliner Master Pumper (trade in value of \$35,000) for a total cost of \$35,000 to be paid out of the Fire Department equipment reserve fund.

Topic referred to fire committee meeting Wednesday, December 19 at 5 p.m. for consideration.

3. Consider GAAP Waiver Resolution 545.

City Attorney Barbara Wright explained this resolution is nothing new. The City does this annually to opt out of the K.S.A. requirement to use generally accepted accounting principles in the preparation of their financial statements and reports. Many cities pass resolutions to waive this requirement. Opela moved to adopt Resolution 545 – *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Adopting a Waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for the Fiscal Year 2019*. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

4. Consider PRIDE Resolution 546.

City Attorney Barbara Wright announced PRIDE is an organization of volunteers who work to improve the community in conjunction with Kansas State Research and Extension and the Department of Commerce. This resolution endorses these efforts. Richards moved to adopt Resolution 546 – *A Resolution by the City of Columbus, Kansas, Concerning the City's Responsibility and Capacity to Undertake Viable Community Development*. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Mayor –

- Time to appoint City’s representative to the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation. Thomas Niegisch has represented the City for the past couple of years. Now that we have a City Administrator, I would like to appoint Ms. Rivas to represent the City at these meetings. Opela moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of City Administrator Daniela Rivas as City Representative for the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson Lucian Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a 20-minute executive session at 7:25 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss an employee discipline matter with the Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance, meeting will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 7:45 p.m. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:45 P.M.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a 10-minute executive session at 7:45 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to continue discussion of employee discipline matter with the Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance, meeting will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 7:55 p.m. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:55 P.M.

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Opela moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

Fire

Wednesday December19, 2018 @ 5:30

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk