

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 18, 2017
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met December 18, 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, and Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Drew Richards.

Pastor Jim Thomas from Sherwin Christian Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Ron Johnson gave update and offered prayer for Kim Richards, previous City Clerk and wife of Councilman Drew Richards who was injured in a recent car accident.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of December 4, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-450 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

VISITOR – JOSHUA ARGABRIGHT

Joshua Argabright approached the council asking for a condemnation/demolition extension for property at 203 South Idaho. Mr. Argabright stated he was unable to attend the condemnation hearing but would like an extension so he may remove the structure and clean up the property. It was noted Mr. Argabright did not contact City Hall or its representatives previous to this meeting, nor has cleanup or removal of anything on the property been started. No action taken.

City Treasurer Report –

-Report on your desk shows cash balances as of today.

City Superintendent Report –

- Sewer project on Olive/Mulberry and Pennsylvania/Minnesota completed last Friday.
- Leaf up pick up underway.
- Staff are trimming trees in alleyways as needed and time allows.
- Request for December 26 off with pay for fulltime employees to allow for return travel from the holiday weekend.

CLOSE CITY OFFICES DECEMBER 26

Dunlap moved to approve closing City Hall Tuesday, December 26 and allowing full time city employees eight hours of holiday pay. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson. Voting nay: Opela, Spieth. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried 6-2-1.

- Held annual holiday dinner for public works department last Wednesday. This dinner and end of summer cookout provided for staff at no cost to the city.
- Caution lights at Highland School crosswalk, on Maple by the grocery store and at the Fire Station are being updated with LED lights. CDL Electric out of Pittsburg is doing the work, cost is less than \$2,000.
- Work has started on some of the sidewalks approved in the 2017 Sidewalk Replacement Project.
- Gas Service Company has project at the corner of Walnut and Delaware Streets.
- Will look at drain/concrete at Kansas and Olive intersection.
- Will speak with Mr. White on Elm Street about damaged drain tile.

City Clerk Report -

- Eight Cereal Malt Beverage licenses for 2018 renewal.

RENEW CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES

Opela moved to approve 2018 Cereal Malt Beverage License renewals for American Legion, American Legion Beverage Hut, Casey's, Dollar General, Fast Mart, G&W Foods, Los Lunas and The VFW. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Spieth. Voting nay: Patterson. Abstain: Johnson. Motion carried 7-1-1.

- Noted City Hall will be closed Monday January 1 for New Year's Day and the council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2.
- Noted City Hall will be closed Monday January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day and the council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16. Reminders will be in both council packets.
- City Hall offices will be closed Monday December 25 and Tuesday December 26.
- Advised of options for the swearing in and taking office for those elected at the November 2017 election; K.S.A.25-21a01(b)
 - *Special meeting January 8 to take oath.
 - *New officials sworn in during regular business hours at City Hall January 8 or thereafter preside over January 16 council meeting.
 - *Revise meeting ordinance to change meeting dates in January.
- Eighty-five angels were adopted from the Angel Tree, this is the largest number we have had to date. Thank you to all who adopted angels and those who worked with the project.

Police Chief -

- Presented B3 demolition bid for 203 South Idaho - \$2,200.00 plus landfill charges

APPROVE B3 QUOTE – 203 SOUTH IDAHO

Spieth moved to approve B3 Construction quote of \$2,200.00 for demolition and cleanup of property at 203 South Idaho. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

- Presented B3 demolition bid for 523 West Olive - \$1,500.00 plus landfill charges

APPROVE B3 QUOTE – 523 WEST OLIVE

Opela moved to approve B3 Construction quote of \$1,500.00 for demolition and cleanup of property at 523 West Olive. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

-Would like a personnel meeting to discuss work comp issues.
- Would like to make council aware of computer purchase for the police department. Court Clerk’s computer is too old to install new cash drawer system approved and purchased earlier this year. When checking other units in the department it was realized five computers needed updated. Worked with City Superintendent to get these ordered, due to spending limit and end of year.

PURCHASE COMPUTERS

Spieth moved to approve purchase of five computers for the police department from Stronghold Data in the amount of \$4,400.00. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Fire Chief –

-Received grant from the Columbus Community Foundation to purchase one infrared camera, these are used for search and rescue. Would like to purchase a second camera with the Smokey Fund paying half and the second half coming out of the 2017 fire small equipment budget. Cameras cost \$6,800 each.

PURCHASE INFRARED CAMERA

Bennett moved to allow fire department to spend \$3,400.00 out of the 2017 fire small equipment budget towards purchase of infrared camera. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

City Attorney-

-Three proposed resolutions to document decision to proceed with condemnation and set hearing dates for properties presented at the last council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS 521/522/523 – DEMOLITION HEARINGS

Burton moved to adopt Resolutions 521/522/523 – *Resolutions Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which the Owners, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest of a Structure Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Unsafe and Dangerous Structure and Debris Should not be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished.* Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

ELECTRONIC DOOR LOCKS

Johnson moved to approve purchase of electronic door locks for the City Hall complex as quoted by TEC, not to exceed \$16,000.00; with \$12,000 to be paid out of 2017 property budget and the remainder to be paid out of property reserves. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Spieth. Voting nay: Patterson. Motion carried 8-1.

Old Business –

N/A

New Business –

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a ten minute executive session at 7:34 p.m. for personnel matters of non elected personnel to discuss a pay issue with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:44 P.M.

PAY INCREASE – JUSTIN ROGERS

Dunlap moved to give a \$0.28 per hour pay increase to Justin Rogers retro to August 8, 2017 and to continue as long as he is filling in at the Meter Reader position. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Spieth called for a fifteen minute executive session at 7:48 p.m. for personnel matters of non elected personnel to discuss employee benefits with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:03 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Spieth called for a fifteen minute executive session at 8:05 p.m. for personnel matters of non elected personnel to continue employee benefit discussion with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:20 P.M.

EMPLOYEE BONUS

Spieth moved to give full time City employees with less than one year of service a \$100 bonus and full time City employees with one year of service or more a \$200 bonus to be paid with the December 22, 2017 payroll. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Opela, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: Lucian. Abstain: Bennett, Paradee. Motion carried 6-1-2.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Council member Steve Dunlap presented outgoing Mayor William E. Schaiff a clock for appreciation of his many years of dedication and service to the City of Columbus.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Meetings:**Personnel**

Thursday 12/28/2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk