

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 03, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met December 03, 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, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Tom Pryor. Council member absent: Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson and Drew Richards.

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 November 19, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, Appropriation Ordinance 18-477 and Matthew Hatfield resignation as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

VISITOR – JIM BURTON

Mr. Jim Burton addressed the council with concerns regarding recent paving project and brush drop off near the City Dog Pound.

City Administrator Report-

-LMI survey update. Volunteers have been canvassing the City house to house, thank you to all of the volunteers and participants.

City Treasurer Report –

-Monthly report will be available for the next council meeting.
-Request resolution to allow City participation in the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool.

Interim City Superintendent Report

-Second leaf pickup program began December 3 and will run through December 14 spending two days in each ward, weather permitting.
-West town lift station needs new pump - \$4,600.

PURCHASE LIFT STATION PUMP

Opela moved to allow Interim City Superintendent to purchase new pump for the west town lift station in the amount of \$4,600, to be paid out of 2018 sewer budget. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

City Clerk Report –

-Working on LMI surveys in the office.
-Training opportunity information through the League of Kansas Municipalities in your council packet. This is great material for new council members and good refresher course for existing council. Contact me if you would like to register for the event.

Police Chief Report –

-Members of the police department served lunch at Central school last Friday and interacted with the students. Children were very well mannered and polite; it was a good experience and we are looking forward to doing it again.

Fire Chief Report-

(Lead Driver Steven Burton in attendance for the department)

-277 fire runs to date. This number is down from last year.

-Information at your desk regarding 2012 Polaris UTV we would like to purchase from the Chetopa Fire Department. Great asset for the department defending rural grass fires, can also transport people needing medical attention from off-road locations. This unit could also be utilized in the community during the fair, Columbus Day festivities and other public events where large groups of people could hinder maneuverability of a large ambulance or rescue unit. Cost is \$17,500; we are asking the City to allow \$5,000 out of the 2018 fire budget towards this purchase with the remaining funds covered by the Volunteer Fire Smokey Fund. The City would insure and provide maintenance, approximately \$2,500 per year.

PURCHASE FIRE UTV

Bennett moved to allow fire department to spend \$5,000 from the 2018 fire budget towards purchase of 2012 Polaris UTV from the City of Chetopa, Kansas. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

-Plan fire readiness walk throughs with area businesses in 2019. Idea is preparedness for the fire department and the owner.

-Nothing new to report on the firetruck repair in Florida.

City Attorney Report –

-Discussion to vacate alley in Block 8 of Lisle Addition. Alley looks to be vacated, unable to locate official documentation. Adjoining property is being sold and this is needed for title work. I need direction before drafting resolution.

VACATE ALLEY – LISLE ADDITION

Burton moved to allow the City Attorney to proceed with process to vacate alley in Lisle Addition Block 8, retaining utility easement. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business –

1. Discussion: Cleaning Services Proposals.

City Administrator Daniela Rivas informed that two proposals were received for the cleaning service bid request. Low bid was \$1,240 monthly from Helping Hands out of Baxter Springs. Personnel committee considered hiring a part time employee to clean City properties at a recent meeting. A part time position with no benefits would cost the City \$14 - \$15 thousand per year. Contracting services through the low bidder would be \$14,880 per year. I am asking council which way they would like to proceed. Opela moved to accept Helping Hands cleaning service proposal of \$1,240 per month and allow

the City Administrator to proceed with contract providing they have good references. Bennett seconded the motion. Motion and second were withdrawn before the vote. Ms. Rivas will provide contract and deep cleaning quote from Helping Hands at the next council meeting.

New Business –

- 1. Consider approval of Christmas bonus for full time City employees: less than one year of service a \$100 bonus, one year of service or more a \$200 bonus to be paid with the December 21, 2018 payroll.**

City Administrator Daniela Rivas presented information regarding Christmas bonuses for full time City employees. Out of the corresponding department funds this would cost the City \$5,900. Burton moved to approve Christmas bonus for full time City employees with less than one year of service \$100, one year of service or more \$200 to be paid with the December 21, 2018 payroll. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Mayor –

- Informed the council Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer ordered state offices closed Wednesday December 5, 2018 and declared it a day of mourning in honor of the passing of President George H.W. Bush. Cherokee County offices and the post office will be closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Monday December 5, 2018 @ 5:00

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk