

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 4, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met December 4, 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, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards and Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Steve Dunlap.

Council member Ron Johnson led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of November 20, 2017 council meeting minutes, November 30 special meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-449 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Richards. Motion carried 8-0-1.

**City Treasurer Report –**

-Cash balances as 11/30 on your desk, interest rates are starting to creep up a little bit.

**City Superintendent Report –**

-Concrete at the cemetery chapel has been poured, city crews will be working on the approaches in the coming days.

-City crews are busy with leaf pickup/caution residents to remove sticks and debris as they clog the machine and slow progress.

-Make council aware of recent logs/tree debris left at the brush drop off by the City Dog Pound. This drop off is intended for brush only and is hauled to the City's burn pile. Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) monitors the brush burn site and logs of this nature are not allowed. The City had to pay to have these logs disposed of. Signs are posted for brush only.

-Quail Creek and Redwood Drive street light request.

- Will be on vacation next week. Will be available by phone if needed.

**STREET LIGHT – QUAIL CREEK/REDWOOD DRIVE**

Johnson moved to approve installation of street light at Quail Creek and Redwood Drive as presented. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**City Clerk Report -**

-Attended a social media workshop with council member Grant Spieth, 12/1 in Girard hosted by League of Kansas Municipalities.

-Sixteen full time city employees took advantage of the flu vaccination opportunity provided by the City.

-Dragon Slayer Teen Center free water coming to an end.

**Police Chief -**

-Presenting five (5) properties tonight for condemnation consideration:

- 221 North Vermont
- 301 South Delaware
- 310 South Minnesota
- 608 East Walnut
- 622 West Elm

**CONDEMNATION – 221 NORTH VERMONT**

Burton moved to proceed with condemnation process on property at 221 North Vermont. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**CONDEMNATION – 301 SOUTH DELAWARE**

Burton moved to proceed with condemnation process on property (house and garage) at 301 South Delaware. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**CONDEMNATION – 310 SOUTH MINNESOTA**

Spieth moved to proceed with condemnation process on property at 310 South Minnesota. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Opela. Motion carried 8-0-1.

**CONDEMNATION – 608 EAST WALNUT**

Patterson moved to proceed with condemnation process on property (house and fence) at 608 East Walnut. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**CONDEMNATION – 622 WEST ELM**

Lucian moved to proceed with condemnation process on property (house and garage) at 622 West Elm. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**Fire Chief –**

- Annual banquet Saturday 12/9 at Rowden’s Rustic Moose Lodge, RSVP if planning to attend.
- Fire run numbers down.
- Would like to purchase tools that would help with auto accident extractions. Mini cutter \$3,498; Spreader tips \$534; extra gas-powered pump \$5,500.

**FIRE GEAR**

Bennett moved to approve fire department purchase of a mini cutter, \$3,498.23 and puller tip, \$534.52 from Conrad Fire Equipment, Inc. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**City Attorney-**

-Draft of Commercial Property Rehabilitation and Matching Grant letter and application.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY REHABILITATION MATCHING GRANT**

Richards moved to approve the Commercial Property Rehabilitation Matching Grant letter and application as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

-Resolution for condemnation hearing 523 West Olive  
-Resolution for condemnation hearing 203 South Idaho

**RESOLUTION 519 – 523 WEST OLIVE**

Richards moved to adopt Resolution 519 – *A Resolution finding that the Structure Located at 523 W. Olive Street, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, Consisting of Lot 19 Block 1 in Columbus Deems Addition, Columbus, Kansas, is Unsafe and Dangerous, and Directing that the Structure be Removed and the Premises Made Safe and Secure.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**RESOLUTION 520 – 203 SOUTH IDAHO**

Lucian moved to adopt Resolution 520 – *A Resolution Finding that the Structures Located at 203 S. Idaho Avenue, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, Consisting of Lot 3 Block 7 in Columbus High School Addition, Columbus, Kansas, is Unsafe and Dangerous, and Directing that the Structures be Removed and the Premises Made Safe and Secure.* Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Personnel committee informed the council David Spatafora and Alan Garmany have been offered employment as laborers in the public works department providing they pass all pre-employment requirements.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY GRANT REIMBURSEMENT – TEAM THREADS**

Richards moved to approve Team Threads Commercial Property Rehabilitation Matching Grant reimbursement in the amount of \$4,434.00. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**BOND DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT – COOPER MALONE MCCLAIN**

Spieth moved to renew the Continuing Disclosure Services Agreement with Cooper Malone McClain for 2018 bond disclosure requirements. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**Old Business-**

N/A

**New Business –**

- City Superintendent Burton informed the council of the ongoing “lease” of the VFW Park pond by the Kansas Fish and Game Commission. Burton stated the State stocks the pond each year and provides the City \$1,000 to allow public fishing at the pond. He noted a state fishing license is still required but no additional fees are charged by the City.

Burton noted the VFW “Duck” pond has been stocked by Kansas Wildlife with 200 channel cat fish. All fish and game rules and regulations apply at the pond as with other bodies of water in Kansas. A license is required and size limits apply.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**Meetings:**

**Property/Pool/Parks**

**Wednesday 12/06/2017 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Budget & Finance**

**Tuesday 12/12/2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*