

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2019
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met February 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Randy Coble, Steve Dunlap, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, Alvin Patterson, Tom Pryor. Council member absent: John Brassart, Jerri Burton, Ron Johnson.

Pastor Jim Bowles with Calvary Baptist Church provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Opela moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of February 4, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 19-485 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

City Administrator Report

- Reminder of the First Impressions meeting on April 11th at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the State Theater with food provided.
- Would like councils' permission to create a guideline for city inclement weather policy. Council agreed for her to proceed.
- Reminder of Goal Setting Workshop to be held February 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building.
- Discussion on ways for citizens to leave feedback for city issues.
- Reminder to department heads that FY2020 budget preparation has been begun.

City Treasurer Report

- Nothing to report at this time unless there are questions.

Interim City Superintendent Report

- City crews have been working on patching streets.
- Spoke with County Commissioner Bill Anderson, county has agreed to reimburse city \$11,000.00 for paving done on Country Rd. and this year county will be paving North Indiana north of Hwy 160.

City Clerk Report

- Assistant City Clerk Judi Mogle, filling in for City Clerk Cherri Chancellor, had nothing to report.
- Mayor Speith mentioned the Legislative Update included in packets.

Chief of Police Report

- Equipment has been installed in Unit 6, 2019 Dodge Charger, and has been put into service.
- Storage room at the community building is 95% cleared out, thanked city crew for their help.
- Temporary repairs at the dog pound are scheduled to begin tomorrow, Feb.20th.

·Unable to have properties ready for condemnation, will have them for next meeting.

Fire Chief Report

- They have had 39 runs to date.
- Fire truck being repaired in Florida in final stages should be ready this month.
- Township fee schedule presented to City Administrator.

City Attorney Report

- Ordinances to be addressed under Old/New Business.

COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION GRANT-TIQUE-A-BOU

Opela moved to approve Commercial Rehabilitation Grant request for Mike and Susan Mathes doing business as Tique-a-bou up to \$4,550.00 to be paid out of Economic Development. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

SANITATION COLLECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Opela moved to approve the sanitation collector job description with changes: add Range 5, beginning wage of \$11.00 per hour. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICE OFFICER 1 – ANTONIO PETREE

Opela moved to hire Antonio Petree for the position of Police Officer 1 with a starting wage of \$14.29 per hour providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICE OFFICER 1 – PRESTON HOSIER

Opela moved to hire Preston Hosier for the position of Police Officer 1 with a starting wage of \$14.29 per hour providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICE RETENTION POLICY

Dunlap moved to approve No. 3 and No. 5 of the Police Retention Program – Take home police cars subject to review/recommendation of a take home car policy and gifting of off-duty handguns to police officers after 5 years of service. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennet, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 7-0.

ALLOCATE FUNDS IF GRANT AWARDED

Opela moved to allocate up to \$5,000.00 towards PRIDE Community of Excellence VIP grant if awarded for updates to Reeves Park to be paid out of Park Equipment Reserve Fund. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS 547, 548 & 549 – PERSONNEL REGULATION REVISIONS

Opela moved to approve Resolutions 547, 548 & 549; revisions to Article VII, XI and XIV of the personnel regulations for the employees of The City of Columbus, Kansas. Dunlap seconded

the motion. Voting aye: Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: Bennett. Motion carried 6-1.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 1432 – CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE ACT

Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1432 regulating the sale of cereal malt beverage in compliance with the Cereal Malt Beverage Act of the State of Kansas, as amended and revised. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 1433 – WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS

Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1433 regarding wild and exotic animals. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider recodification of the municipal code for the City of Columbus.

Consider drafting ordinance for restructuring the Columbus City Council, reducing the size of the council from ten members to six and establishing a four-year term of office for council members and mayor. No action was taken as three council members were absent. Issue to be discussed at Workshop being held on February 28th.

MAYOR

Mayor Spieth asked for a show of hands to accept the nomination of Steve Dunlap as President of the Council. 5 – yes, 1 – no.

BONE CREEK BOARD APPOINTMENT

Opela moved to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Daniela Rivas and Scott Bennett to the Bone Creek PWW# 11 board. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: 1 Motion carried 6-0-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a twenty-minute executive session at 8:00 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship to discuss personnel policy with the Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney and Chief of Police in attendance; meeting to reconvene in the council chambers at 8:20 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:20 P.M.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a ten-minute executive session at 8:21 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship to discuss personnel policy with the Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney and Chief of Police in attendance; meeting to reconvene in the council chambers at 8:31 p.m. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:31 P.M.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR HIRING AUTHORITY

Opela moved to give City Administrator and respective department head the authority to hire Levels 1-12 employees effective immediately. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried:7-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Opela moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Coble, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 7-0.

Meetings:

Fire

Wednesday February 21, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Tuesday March 12, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sanitation

Tuesday March 12, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Judi Mogle, Assistant City Clerk