

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met February 20, 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, Tom Pryor. Council members absent: Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson, Alvin Patterson and Drew Richards.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of February 5, 2018 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-457 and Appropriation Ordinance 18-458 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

City Treasurer Report –

- Would like to address the budget and finance committee at a future meeting concerning the City's CD's (certificates of deposit) and investments. Interest rates are going up.

City Superintendent Report –

- Public Works Foreman Scott Bennett in attendance.
-New trash truck was delivered today.

City Clerk Report –

-League of Kansas Municipalities Training Institute opportunity in March "Hiring Public Safety Officials" contact the office if you would like to attend.
-Travel authorization in your packet for Assistant City Clerk Mogle and myself for the Clerk Conference in Wichita, March 21-23.
-Updated job descriptions in your packets. Pay ranges have been changed to reflect the new wage range chart. Wage range chart will be included in the next council packet.
-Senator Moran staff will be at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, February 28 to meet with the public from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Police Chief Report –

-Working on 2019 budget and capital projects.
-Working with Judge Bullard and Prosecutor Conard on updating municipal court procedures. Plan to address the police and licensing committee about new tablets, printer and laptop for the court. Much of the reporting can now be submitted electronically. This could cut down on much of the paperwork. This has all come about since the budget and finance committee meeting. Will not need the copier recommendation from that meeting if the new court system is approved.

-Fire Chief Report-

-Fire department not represented.

City Attorney Report-

-Wage Range Ordinance in your packet. This was approved at the last council meeting, ordinance will make it official.

ORDINANCE 1416 – WAGE RANGE CHART

Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1416 – *“An Ordinance by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending the Personnel Regulations for the Employees of the City of Columbus, Kansas, to Replace Pay Plan Appendices and Adopting the Wage Range Chart, Appendix A.”* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

-One-way alley ordinance in your packet. This was approved at the last council meeting as well, ordinance will make it official.

ORDINANCE 1417- ONE WAY ALLEY

Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1417 – *“An Ordinance Authorizing One-Way Traffic Control Signage for the North-South Alley Connecting East Maple Street and East Pine Street in the 100 Block of Said Streets in Columbus, Kansas.”* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

-Neighborhood Revitalization Plan information in your packets. Commissioners approved this at the County level and are seeking participation from area cities and school districts. Cherokee County Economic Development Director Janet Miller addressed the city council earlier this month regarding the program. This plan will reimburse taxpayer for a portion the taxes on new construction or substantial renovation. It was agreed to send this to the Budget and Finance committee and consult with the City’s auditor before making any decision.

HIRE METER READER – ALAN GARMANY

Opela moved to approve Alan Garmany for the position of Meter Reader, with a starting wage of \$10.65 per hour. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

UPDATE JOB DESCRIPTION-CEMETERY SEXTON

Opela moved to update the Cemetery Sexton job description to include: required to work Memorial Day, will report to the public works department at the end of the mowing season or any other time deemed necessary at the discretion of the City Superintendent and modify skills list to include the ability to operate backhoe front bucket. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

PURCHASE COPIER

Bennett moved to purchase a Sharp MX5050N copier from Lakeland Office Equipment, Joplin, Missouri for City Hall in the amount of \$6,300.00 to be paid out of administrative equipment reserves. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

New business-

-Citilink advertising -voted on annually or does it continue indefinitely? Refer to Budget and Finance committee for review.

-Retirement reception for Trish Carroll, Friday 2/23, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the State Theatre. Mrs. Carroll has been with Columbus Telephone / Optic Communications for 30 plus years and has been an active member of the City. Stop in to say thank you for her contribution to the City and wish her well if you have time on Friday.

Mayor-

-Reappoint board members and update terms of Columbus Housing Authority.

Terri Jones term expires April 1, 2020

Kim Richards term expires April 1, 2021

Anita Davolt term expires April 1, 2022

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

Opela moved to approve the Mayor’s Columbus Housing Authority Board appointments: Terri Jones, term expires 4/1/2020; Kim Richards, term expires 4/1/2021; Anita Davolt, term expires 4/1/2022. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

-After prom committee donation request. No motion made to approve.

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Meetings:

Property/Pool/Parks

Thursday 2/22/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Police and Licensing

Thursday 2/22/2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Budget & Finance

Thursday 2/22/2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Personnel

TBA

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk