

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 22, 2019  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Connie Bennett, John Brassart, Jerri Burton, Randy Coble, Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, Tom Pryor. Council member absent: Alvin Patterson.

Mrs. Toni Spieth provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grant Spieth introduced and welcomed new council members to the group.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of January 7, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes, Appropriation Ordinance 18-481, Appropriation Ordinance 19-482 and Tyler Hobson resignation as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Coble, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**VISITOR – LAUREN DAINTY**

City Librarian Lauren Dainty approached the council with request to make changes to the story walk at the City Park. Council approved the story boards last year along the walking track at the City Park, they have been taken down due to vandalism. Mrs. Dainty has found a company that offers wooden and metal more permanent options that may be less susceptible to damage. She reported there has been a lot of positive feedback related to the project and would like to continue it. Ms. Dainty advised there is a grant opportunity that could help with funding.

**ALLOW STORY WALK**

Opela moved to allow Columbus Library to pursue endeavors to update the City Park story walk as presented. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Coble, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 9-0.

**Police Chief Report-**

(Lieutenant Dave Justice in attendance for the department)

-Nothing to report at this time.

**City Administrator Report-**

-Recycle center update; cardboard is picked up on Fridays and the recycle trailer is emptied on Wednesday. City crews will work to keep the area picked up.

-Working with Christina Holmes, K-State Extension Agent on a grant for a community betterment/improvement project.

-Mayor Spieth and I are working with the PRIDE committee and the K-State Extension office on a First Impression opportunity for the City. Through this project, members from two similar in size cities visit each other and give their “first impressions”. Reports are compiled and a public presentation is made to each participating city, showing what visitors notice when visiting your town.

-Reserve fund report in your packet. The new layout gives totals for the funds as well as breakdowns for use.

-Code Book codification update; I have been working with the Mayor and City Clerk reviewing current Code over the past 7-8 weeks. We have only made it part way through the second chapter. At this rate it will take more than a year to get ready for codification. It will be a much faster process to send current Code and ordinances to a publisher to combine, then review the draft for changes. I propose once it is codified making the Code available online with continual update, so we always have a current version. This will be a benefit to residents and staff.

### **CODE BOOK UPDATE**

Opela moved to allow the City Administrator to move forward with the Code Book Codification as presented. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Coble, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

-I will be requesting a meeting with each new committee to review plans, projects and cover responsibilities and duties.

-Plan to have financial report for the next council meeting.

### **City Treasurer Report – (Absent.)**

#### **Interim City Superintendent Report**

-Spring cleanup scheduled for April 15 – April 26, we will spend two days in each ward.

-Crews installing some of the bigger digital water meters.

-Museum heat/air unit approved at last council meeting has been installed.

-Museum has another unit down, compressor is under warranty and parts are on order.

-Crews cleaning ditches.

### **City Clerk Report –**

-Annual Chamber of Commerce dinner Wednesday January 30 at the State Theatre. Let me know by noon tomorrow if you would like to attend.

-Two MTI (Municipal Training Institute) opportunities through the League in your packets. Friday February 1 in Olathe covering Personnel Management and Friday February 22 for Municipal Finance. Contact me if you would like more information or to register.

-LMI survey update, as Ms. Rivas mentioned we are less than 100 away from the number needed to qualify as an LMI community. Several people have been a tremendous help in the last several weeks going door to door and calling residents. Another big push is planned for the next few days and we will have another drawing Friday January 25 for Chamber Bucks. Call or stop by the office to complete a survey if we have missed you.

-Janet Miller with the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation is hosting another housing meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, January 31 at the Riverton Community Center. The first one held a couple of years ago brought together a wide variety of people including builders, finance people, realtors, landlords trying to get a consensus of what is needed as far as housing is concerned in SE Kansas to bring more people into the area to live and work.

### **Fire Chief Report-**

-Update in your council packets.

- Spoke to REV group representative today; body of engine in Florida being repaired is ready to set on the chassis. Still looking at the end of February first of March before it is ready.

-Working on e-waste recycle date in conjunction with the City's spring clean-up, will let you know as soon as I have an exact date.

**City Attorney Report –**

-Update on education reimbursement from former employee. Finally have service and hope to have situation settled soon.

-Have draft ordinance for the Cereal Malt Beverage license changes, waiting for the State to renumber statutes for inclusion in the ordinance before presenting to council.

**SPONSOR YOUTH FAIR**

Lucian moved to sponsor the 2019 Cherokee County Youth Entrepreneur Fair \$500.00 third place prize to be paid out of economic development. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Coble, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**PURCHASE FIRE ENGINE**

Bennett moved to purchase 1995 Pierce Custom Cab Fire Engine from FireMaster, Springfield, MO. for \$35,000 to be paid out of fire equipment reserve, plus trade in of 1998 Freightliner, Engine #21. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Coble, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**Old Business –**

1. **Consider chairs for the council chamber.** City Administrator Daniela Rivas noted there are three chair samples in the back of the room and asked council members to look them over and get back to her after the meeting which one they prefer.

**New Business –**

1. **Consider Commercial Property Rehabilitation Matching Grant for the St. Rose Parrish Hall.**

Council member Jim Lucian stated the Economic Development Committee reviewed the Commercial Rehabilitation Matching Grant application from St. Rose Parrish Hall. There were concerns about approving the grant since it was from a church and not a commercial business and we thought it best to bring the application before the whole council. Mayor Spieth noted grants have been awarded at least two times before to other churches. Dunlap moved to approve Commercial Rehabilitation Matching Grant for the St. Rose Parrish Hall up to \$5,000 as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Coble, Dunlap, Johnson, Opela. Voting nay: Brassart, Lucian, Pryor. Motion carried 6-3.

**Mayor –**

- 2019 Committee Appointments

- COMMITTEES: \*CHAIRMAN FIRST      \*\*VICE CHAIRMAN SECOND      2019**
- Budget & Finance**  
\*Tom Pryor, \*\* Connie Bennett, Randy Coble
- Sanitation**  
\*Alvin Patterson, \*\*Randy Coble, Connie Bennett
- Cemetery**  
\*Randy Coble, \*\* Tom Pryor, Alvin Patterson
- Property/Pool/Parks**  
\* Ron Johnson, \*\*Jerri Burton, Sammye Opela

**Economic Development**

\*John Brassart \*\* Ron Johnson, Jerri Burton

**Fire**

\*Connie Bennett, \*\*Sammye Opela, Tom Pryor

**Personnel**

\*Sammye Opela, \*\* Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson

**Police & License**

\*Steve Dunlap, \*\*Jim Lucian, John Brassart

**Streets/Alleys/Bridges**

\*Jim Lucian, \*\*John Brassart Steve Dunlap

**Water & Sewer**

\*Jerri Burton, \*\*Alvin Patterson, Jim Lucian

3 people to a committee.

**2019 COMMITTEES**

Opela moved to approve the Mayor’s 2019 Committee Appointments as presented. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Coble, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Opela moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Coble, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**Meetings:**

**Streets/Alleys/Bridges**

**Wednesday January 23, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Budget & Finance**

**Thursday January 24, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Fire**

**Tuesday January 29, 2019 @ 5: 15**

**Personnel**

**Tuesday January 29, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Police & License**

**Wednesday February 6, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Sanitation**

**Thursday February 7, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Cemetery**

**Tuesday February 12, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Property/Pool/Parks**

**Wednesday February 13, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Water/Sewer**

**Thursday February 21, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Economic Development**

**Tuesday February 25, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*