

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met January 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by President of the Council Grant Spieth. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Drew Richards and Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Alvin Patterson and Mayor W.E. Schaiff.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of December 18, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-451 and Appropriation Ordinance 18-452 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Richards. Motion carried 7-0-1.

City Treasurer Report –

-No written report today – balances are stable.

City Superintendent Report –

- Working with residents and frozen water lines.
- Worked Sunday and Monday with school on frozen and broken water lines.
- Staff will be taking down Christmas decorations by the end of the week.
- Crews ran two trash trucks today, routes are back on normal schedule.
- Worked with Mr. White on Elm Street, culvert has been taken care of.

City Clerk Report -

-Reminder that the next council meeting will be Tuesday January 16, 2018 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. A notice will be included in the council packets.

Police Chief -

-Update on 515 West Olive. Owner was given extension at the November 6, 2017 condemnation hearing with a progress report at the January 2, 2018 council meeting. Mrs. Box is not able to attend tonight's meeting, she is requesting an additional 60-day extension.

EXTENSION – 515 WEST OLIVE

Richards moved to approve condemnation extension for 515 West Olive with a progress report at the March 5, 2018 council meeting. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: Dunlap. Motion carried 7-1.

Fire Chief –

- Department ended 2017 about 60 runs down from the previous year.
- Columbus Community Foundation representatives will be here for the camera check presentation January 9 about 10 a.m. if anyone wishes to attend. Fire department was awarded

grant for infrared camera. Will be purchasing second camera with funds from 2017 fire budget and the Smokey Fund. Purchase was approved at the December 18, 2017 council meeting.
- Department will participate in funeral services for retired Baxter Springs firefighter Paul Buckner on Saturday January 6.

City Attorney-

-PRIDE Resolution in your packet for consideration. This is a reaffirmation of support and endorsement of the local PRIDE chapter and commitment to continue being a PRIDE Community.

RESOLUTION 524 – PRIDE

Opela moved to adopt Resolution 524 – *A Resolution by the City of Columbus, Kansas, Concerning the City’s Responsibility and Capacity to Undertake Viable Community Development.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

-GAAP Wavier for 2018 Resolution in your packet for consideration. This opts the City out of K.S.A. requirement to use generally accepted accounting principles in the preparation of their financial statements and reports. Columbus is one of many cities who pass resolutions to waive this requirement, has to be done yearly.

RESOLUTION 525 – 2018 GAAP WAIVER

Opela moved to adopt Resolution 525 – *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Adopting a Waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for the Fiscal Year 2018.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

-There is also a draft of revisions to Article XI of the Personnel Handbook, changes are in bold. A resolution is included if you wish to adopt these changes.

RESOLUTION 526 – ARTICLE XI PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

Richards moved to adopt Resolution 526 – *A Resolution by the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending Article XI, Now Entitled, Discipline and Separations, of the Personnel Regulations for the Employees of the City of Columbus, Kansas.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: Bennett, Burton. Motion carried 6-2.

RESIGNATION – MONTANA GRANT

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Montana Grant, Volunteer Firefighter, in good standing. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

RESIGNATION – ARON BURTON

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Aron Burton, Volunteer Firefighter, in good standing. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Burton. Motion carried 7-0-1.

RESIGNATION – TREVOR ALLEN

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Trevor Allen, Volunteer Firefighter, in good standing. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR FAIR SPONSOR

Richards moved to sponsor the 2018 Cherokee County Youth Entrepreneur Fair \$500.00 third place prize to be paid out of economic development. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

-It was noted Norma’s Diner will be opening a restaurant in town in the coming weeks.

SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENTS

Opela moved to reimburse completed 2017 sidewalk program projects for Newberry, 317 S. Penn - \$1,631.25; Henderson/Epler, 510 S. Penn - \$862.50; and Epler, 322 S. Vermont - \$900.00. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Old business – Oath of office for incoming council members and mayor discussed. Instead of a special meeting it was agreed oaths of office would be done at City Hall, January 8.

New business - NA

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Thursday 1/4/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk