

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 7, 2019
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met January 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Tom Pryor. Council member absent: Drew Richards.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of December 17, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, Appropriation Ordinance 18-479 and Appropriation Ordinance 19-480 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, 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-

-Will ask for committee meetings at next council meeting to address direction and goals.

-A deep clean of the Community Building and Public Works Building will take place in the next couple of weeks.

- Reminder the council chair samples are in the back of the room. Please take time to examine.

City Treasurer Report –

-Year end financial report in your council packet.

Interim City Superintendent Report

-Crews are installing 2” digital water meters.

-Residential digital water meters budgeted for this year and will be purchased/installed in the coming months.

City Clerk Report –

-Next council meeting Tuesday January 22 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. City offices will be closed on Monday January 21.

-Oath of office for council members elected in the November 2018 election is Monday January 14. Stop by the office to take your oath, new members will receive code book, etc. at that time.

- PRIDE meeting tomorrow at noon in the committee room. Everyone welcome.

-LMI survey update, drew for prizes Friday December 21- had 3 lucky winners. We still need approximately 300 plus qualifying entries. While that seems like a lot, we started out needing over 1600 so we are almost there. We will have another drawing on Friday January 25. Call or stop by the office to complete a survey.

Fire Chief Report-

- Storm sirens ordered through the grant have shipped. Should be installed within the next 30 days or so.
- Kale Kitterman will be training new fire fighters beginning this week.
- Working on mitigation plan for the county, will be meeting with the City Administrator put together plan and resolution for council consideration.
- REV group informed they are expecting chassis for fire truck being repaired in Florida this week, 60/90 days before it will be ready.
- Amos Cupp and Kasie England are attending Fire Fighter 1 class in Parsons.

City Attorney Report –

- Have items for council consideration under old business.

Old Business –

1. Consider approval of Ordinance 1429 regarding weed violation penalties and fines.

City Attorney Barbara Wright explained these ordinances involve two processes dealing with nuisance violations including weeds and mowing. Ordinance 1429 allows for judicial action and increased fines. Community Service officer will represent the City as the Public Officer and it will be at their discretion which avenue is pursued. Dunlap moved to approve Ordinance 1429, *“An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending Chapter VII, Article 2, Sections 8-201, 8-206 and 8-207 Regarding Penalties and Fines Affecting Violations of Section 8-201.”* Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson. Voting nay: Burton, Pryor. Motion carried 7-2.

2. Consider approval of Ordinance 1430 regarding weed violations.

City Attorney Barbara Wright informed this ordinance addresses the administrative option regarding weed and mowing infractions, it does not involve fines or fees, just the cost of mowing. Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1430, *“An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Revising Chapter VII, Sections 8-402 and 8-403 of the Code of the City of Columbus, to Re-establish Administrative and Law Enforcement Processes Implementing the City’s Abatement Actions and Fines for Weed Control.”* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Paterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

New Business –

1. Discussion of City signage on City right of way.

City Administrator Daniela Rivas spoke to the council about need for more signage in the City. Long range plans can be discussed at a future committee meeting. Tonight, I am asking council approval to place “No Dumping” signage at the three entrances of the alley behind the Free Store to help clean up the area. Dunlap moved to allow No Dumping signage to be placed at the three entrances to the alley behind the Free Store. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Mayor –

- Investigating costs to switch to electronic council packets.
- Work session in the near future to go over strategic plan for the City.
- Council orientation workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Meetings:

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Tuesday January 8, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Personnel

Tuesday January 8, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development

Wednesday January 9, 2019 @ 5:30

Fire

Thursday January 10, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk