

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met July 16, 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, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards. Council member absent: Steve Dunlap, John Paradee, and Tom Pryor.

Allan McCamey of Camp Joy Ministries provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of July 02, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, July 10 Special Meeting Minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-468 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

City Treasurer Report –

-No report tonight, will take questions.

City Superintendent Report –

- City crews have installed water hydrants at the fairgrounds as previously approved.
- Boring for cemetery water line is complete and we have installed our lines, waiting on rural water to complete project.
- Crews installing more digital water meters.
- Have been asked to supply additional dumpsters during fair week by the Lion's Club Food Shack and the Girl Scout House as we have in previous years.

DUMPSTERS – FAIR WEEK

Burton moved to allow City Superintendent to place dumpsters near the Lion's Club Food Shack and the Girl Scout House during Fair Week. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

-Have been asked to supply barricades to block West Country Road between Kansas Street and Park Drive each evening during fair week.

CLOSE COUNTRY ROAD FOR FAIR WEEK

Burton moved to close Country Road from Kansas Street to Park Drive, July 24 – July 28 from 5:00 p.m. to midnight each evening during Fair week. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

-August 3 end of season dinner/cookout for public works seasonal and full-time employees. This is something I do every year at no cost to the City to show appreciation for the summer help and

the rest of the crew for all they get done. Employees will be giving up two breaks to have longer lunch period.

-Ballfield roads crack sealed.

-Have two or three crews working on replacing water meters, each performing different aspects of the process.

- Received deed for Mulberry project easement – will be getting with City Attorney to move forward with project.

-I attended a rural water #19 meeting today; having telemetry problem, working towards doing away with radio system and moving to cell signal.

-Would like a ten-minute executive session, it can wait until the end of the meeting.

-Addressed concerns for laborers working in excessive heat. Early start considered; water and Gatorade available, monitor individuals.

City Clerk Report –

-Reminder of Cherokee County Fair July 24 – 28. Get out and enjoy the festivities.

-Water burnout July 1 - August 20. Information included in recent water bill. Water is safe to drink, could be discolored or have an odor; use caution when washing white or light-colored clothing.

-KOMA/KORA training opportunity through League of Kansas Municipalities Friday, August 24 in Lenexa. Contact me to register for the event.

-LKM annual conference over Columbus Day weekend, Saturday October 6 – Monday October 8 in Topeka. We have reserved five hotel rooms for the event. Great opportunity for training and networking, let me know if you would like to attend so we can be sure we have enough rooms.

Police Chief Report –

-Getting ready for the Fair. Come out and enjoy the festivities. Road closing has already been covered.

Fire Chief Report-

-Allison introduced Mike and Ray Ryan from Ryan Insurance to give update on the firetruck claim.

Ray Ryan stated we have two options at this point. First is to send damaged unit to Ocala, Florida for repairs per damage estimate. Insurance company would cover \$7,000 transportation expense. Rev Group (company that owns Ferrara, E-One and KME firetruck brands) assures that with new chassis and parts, truck will basically be a new vehicle. It will meet all certifications and specifications of a new unit. Looking at 85/120 days, depending on chassis availability. This would be less time than purchasing new vehicle.

Second option is to cash out and purchase new firetruck. New cost is \$300,000 - \$325,000.

Amount of repairs do not allow for total of vehicle. Must have 75% or more damage of insured coverage. This truck was insured at \$277,986 damage total is \$164,921 amounting to 60% ratio. If the City would choose to cash out, the insurance company would include the rental cost, \$7,000 transportation cost, \$25,000 for unforeseen damage and \$20,000 salvage for a total of \$220,000.

Rental options were discussed. Ten thousand dollars allowed in policy for rental, to rent firetruck for 200 days @ \$250 per day is \$50,000. It was mentioned that you could purchase an older used truck then sell it once need was gone for this amount of money.

Third option is the appeal process. The City would hire independent adjuster and pay half of the cost of an independent umpire who would assess both estimates and make a determination.

Mike Ryan mentioned if we could find a company with a demonstrator model on hand, the City possibly could purchase one without the wait.

Ray Ryan to find out warranty information, try for additional rental, and timeline for getting truck to Florida for repair.

REPAIR FIRETRUCK

Bennett moved to proceed with firetruck repair as presented. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Report –

-Standard Traffic and Uniform Public Offense Code Ordinances in your packet. These are updated every year.

ORDINANCE 1424 – STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Burton moved to approve Ordinance 1424, *“An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Incorporating by Reference the “Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities,” Edition 2018; Providing Certain Penalties and Repealing Ordinance Number 1409.* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 1425 – UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE

Burton moved to approve Ordinance 1425 – *“An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Incorporating by Reference the “Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities,” Edition 2018; Providing Certain Penalties and Repealing Ordinance Number 1410.”* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

-Recreation Center proposal update. Spoke with Gilmore Bell representative about serving as bond counsel for the matter. Resolution, publications, timeline, financial advisor discussed.

RECREATION CENTER

Johnson moved to place recreation center question on the November ballot not to exceed \$3.4 million. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: Lucian. Motion carried 6-1.

SET BUDGET HEARING

Richards moved to set 2019 budget hearing for August 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

CHEROKEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEMBERSHIP

Richards moved to renew the City's membership in the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation at the \$1,000 gold membership level. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennet, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Old business –

- Code Book codification – look at more closely after budget.
- LMI Survey – need volunteers/ideas to continue effort.
- Dog pound – need survey before moving forward with building plans. City Superintendent will get quote from PEC and Cornerstone.

New business –

- Will need motion to retain Gilmore & Bell for bond counsel and Piper Jaffray as financial advisor for the recreation center bond issue.

RECREATION CENTER BOND

Burton moved to retain Gilmore & Bell as bond counsel and Piper Jaffray as financial advisor for the proposed recreation center project and allow the Mayor to sign necessary documents. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: Lucian. Motion carried 6-1.

Mayor –

- Reminder of Special Meeting Monday, July 30 at 5 p.m. to interview City Administrator candidates.
- Appointment of Amos Cupp and Matthew Hatfield as volunteer firefighters.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER – AMOS CUPP

Bennett moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Amos Cupp as a volunteer firefighter providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER – MATTHEW HATFIELD

Bennett moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Matthew Hatfield as a volunteer firefighter. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a twenty-minute executive session at 8:34 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss discipline with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Chief of Police and City Superintendent in attendance. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:54 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Meetings:

Property/Pool/Parks

Wednesday 7/18/2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer

Monday 7/23/2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

TBD

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk