

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 02, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met July 02, 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, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Tom Pryor, Drew Richards. Council member absent: Steve Dunlap.

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 June 18, 2018 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-467 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Richards. Motion carried 8-0-1.

City Treasurer Report –

-Interest income up \$30,000 from same period last year.

City Superintendent Report –

-Pump motor problems at the pool, ordered new one, it was damaged by trucking company during transit. Hope to have replacement by Friday. Pool is open, motor could go out again at any time.

-Have found out that Purple Wave Auction will not allow reserve/minimum bid on fire prevention trailer listing.

-CDL will begin work as early as Friday on cemetery water line. Boring project will cost \$2,150; there will be additional cost if they hit rock.

-Crews getting the City ready for the Fourth of July events.

-Larry Hiatt and the Chamber of Commerce treated public works employees to lunch as a thank you for their efforts in the recent weeks to get the City ready for the 150th birthday celebration.

City Clerk Report –

-Reminder City Hall will be closed Wednesday July 4.

-July 4 celebration and games will begin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday at the City Park, Lions Shack will be open, complete list of events available at the city website www.columbuscityhall.com.

-I will be out of the office Thursday 7/5 and Friday 7/6 for vacation. The office will be covered, and I will be available by phone if needed.

-Received thank you cards from the Opela family and Cherokee County Hospitality Center.

- Reminder of special meeting Tuesday July 10 at 5 to narrow City Administrator candidate list for interviews.

Police Chief Report –

- Two travel authorizations in your packet. One officer will be attending management leadership course in Kansas City, the second an evidence room and property room management class in Hutchinson at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center.
- Have signed the department up with a service called Virtual Academy, this is an online resource highly recommended by the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police. The cost is \$70 per officer per year and will give them access to more than 220 online law enforcement training classes. Forty hours of training is required annually for certification. Officers will be able to complete twenty of the needed hours through this program reducing travel expenses, scheduling conflicts and overtime issues.
- Toured 3 area animal shelters with Animal Control Officer Gideon recently. Two of the three are newer construction, we were able to get ideas/ floor plans for our facility.
- Getting ready for the Fourth celebration.
- I will be out of town on vacation July 9-13. Lt. Justice will be available if you need anything.

Fire Chief Report-

- Allison asked Mayor for firetruck update. Mayor Spieth has requested a detailed repair estimate from the insurance adjuster.
- Waiting on second quote for fire department shower repair/remodel.
- City Superintendent noted insurance has paid for repair to saw damaged in the fire truck accident.

City Attorney Report –

- Six condemnation resolutions in your packet from action taken at the June 18 council meeting.

RESOLUTION 531 – 622 WEST ELM

Opela moved to adopt Resolution 531 – *“A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which the Owners, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest of Structures Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Structures Should Not Be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as Unsafe or Dangerous Structures.”* Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION 532 – 221 NORTH VERMONT

Opela moved to adopt Resolution 532 – *“A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which the Owners, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest of Structures Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Structures Should Not Be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as Unsafe or Dangerous Structures.”* Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION 533 – 608 EAST WALNUT

Opela moved to adopt Resolution 533 – *“A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which the Owners, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest*

of Structures Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Structures Should Not Be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as Unsafe or Dangerous Structures.” Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION 534 – 310 SOUTH MINNESOTA

Opela moved to adopt Resolution 534 – *“A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which the Owners, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest of Structures Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Structures Should Not Be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as Unsafe or Dangerous Structures.”* Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION 535 – 301 SOUTH DELAWARE

Opela moved to adopt Resolution 535 – *“A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which the Owners, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest of Structures Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Structures Should Not Be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as Unsafe or Dangerous Structures.”* Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION 536 – 308 NORTH DENNISON

Opela moved to adopt Resolution 536 – *“A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which the Owners, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest of Structures Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Structures Should Not Be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as Unsafe or Dangerous Structures.”* Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RECREATION CENTER

Johnson moved to investigate the possibility of placing a bond issue on the November ballot for a recreation center to be built in Columbus. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

ORDINANCE 1423 - WAGE RANGE CHART APPENDIX A

Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1423 – *“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 the Wage Range Chart, Appendix A, and Adopt the Revised Wage Range Chart, Appendix A.”* Employees affected by an increase will receive evaluation in 2018 but will not receive a merit increase. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton,

Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried 8-0-1.

FIREMAN DRIVER – JUDSON DAVIS

Opela moved to approve Judson Davis for the position of Fire Department Fireman Driver providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

POLICE LIEUTENANT – DAVID JUSTICE

Opela moved to approve David Justice for the position of Police Lieutenant with a starting wage of \$19.00 per hour. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESIGNATION – SAMANTHA SAXINGER

Opela moved to accept resignation of Police Officer Samantha Saxinger effective July 4, 2018 in good standing. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER – KYLE CLARK

Opela moved to approve Kyle Clark for the position of Reserve Police Officer with a starting wage of \$9.00 per hour providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER -FRED HILLIG

Opela moved to approve Fred Hillig for the position of Reserve Police Officer with a starting wage of \$9.00 per hour providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

PAY INCREASE – GARY HOLT

Opela moved to approve pay increase for Gary Holt, Police Officer II, to \$15.38 per hour effective pay period beginning May 6, 2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Old business –

None.

New business –

City Superintendent asked what can be done about noxious weeds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a five-minute executive session at 8:01 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss financial issue with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Chief of Police, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:06 P.M.

TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT - *SAXINGER*

Opela moved to proceed with collection costs of Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center academy training from resigning Police Officer Samantha Saxinger in the amount of \$2,100.63. Parade seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 9-0.

Mayor Report-

-22 City Administrator applications to date. Deadline for submission was Friday at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Meetings:

Budget & Finance

Tuesday 7/03/2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

Fire

Monday 7/09/2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Wednesday 7/11/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk