

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 18, 2018  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met June 18, 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, Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Tom Pryor. Council member absent: Drew Richards.

Council member Ron Johnson provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of June 4, 2018 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-466 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Opela. Motion carried 8-0-1.

**VISITOR – RON HOLMES**

Ron Holmes representing the Columbus Museum approached the council with information regarding a new building the Museum plans to erect to house several items from the Ted Houser Iron Museum as well as other items they would like to keep under cover. Plans are for a three-sided building in line with the current facility and a fenced enclosure. The only cost to the City would be property insurance and future upkeep. City Superintendent Jim Burton noted the additional insurance premium would be about \$160 annually.

**MUSEUM ADDITION**

Opela moved to allow the Columbus Museum Board to proceed with museum addition as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**City Treasurer Report –**

-No report – will answer questions.

**City Superintendent Report –**

-Crews will be

- Getting things ready for all the weekend events
- Mowing cemetery and in town.
- Painting streets.
- Mosquito spraying Wednesday and Thursday, weather permitting.

-Rural water district boring crew is busy with another project and will not be able to start cemetery water project soon. Mr. Heistand stated city can hire another company if we would like to proceed.

## **CEMETERY WATER**

Opela moved to allow City Superintendent to locate boring crew to move forward with the cemetery water project. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Positive comments to the Superintendent on the cemetery's appearance and the remodel of buildings at the water plant.

-Dewey Smith from the Fair Board requested frost free hydrants at the fairground camping area by the tree line. Fair Board would pay for material if the city crews would install.

## **INSTALL HYDRANTS – FAIR GROUNDS**

Dunlap moved to allow City Superintendent to coordinate with the Fair Board and install frost free hydrants at the fairground camp area as presented. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

-Burton provided fence quote from Ed Roark for property involved in the Mulberry drainage project in the amount of \$1,810.50. Fence is being moved back so property may be deeded to the City to enable drainage maintenance.

## **APPROVE FENCE QUOTE – MULBERRY DRAINAGE PROJECT**

Dunlap moved to approve Ed Roark fence quote for property involved in the Mulberry drainage project in the amount of \$1,810.50 to be paid out of the 2018 street budget. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 9-0.

## **City Clerk Report –**

-Reminder of City 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and All School Reunion events slated for this weekend. Registration and several programs will be at the State Theatre. Schedule of events on the last page of the Monday News Report and the city website. Will have a lot of visitors in town for the festivities. Council members may pick up the 150 Club bags and information after noon on Friday at the State Theatre.

-Farmers Market Kick-off Event Thursday evening on the Southeast corner of the square and Discovery Park from 5 – 8 p.m. Music, food trucks, local vendors, wine tasting and a cooking demonstration will be available.

-Personnel training opportunity in Emporia through LKM (League of Kansas Municipalities) on Friday June 22, will need to be registered by Wednesday.

-Work will begin tomorrow on the flower box around the marquee. Should be done in time to have it planted for the weekend.

Larry Hiatt of the Columbus News Report mentioned that Kansas Lieutenant Governor Tracey Mann will be here for the opening of the time capsule at 6 p.m. on Saturday. He also commented on the vintage train ride Saturday morning.

### **Police Chief Report –**

-Six properties presented for condemnation, five have been submitted before – we were unable to move forward with them at that time.

- \*308 North Dennison
- \*221 North Vermont
- \*622 West Elm
- \*301 South Delaware
- \*608 East Walnut
- \*310 South Minnesota

### **CONDEMNATION**

Dunlap moved to proceed with condemnation process on 308 North Dennison, 221 North Vermont, 622 West Elm, 301 South Delaware, 608 East Walnut and 310 South Minnesota as presented. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Parade, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

- Police Officer training year ends June 30, all officers are within a couple of hours of acquiring their yearly recertification hours.
- Softball game between the fire and police departments Saturday at two.
- Two patrol cars down over the weekend. City Mechanic has one back in service, fuel pump out on the other car, still under factory warranty, scheduled for replacement tomorrow at the local Ford dealership.
- Dog pound update, need to get pricing on building and take to committee.

### **Fire Chief Report-**

- Tanker 24 – sent for valve repair, found internal rusted plumbing. Turned out to be bigger project than anticipated, back in service.
- Storm siren down, siren grant in the final stages.
- Fire Driver Tedlock had new baby boy over the weekend, will be off for 4-5 weeks. Steven Burton reworking department schedule to ensure coverage.
- Have a couple of good applicants for Fire Driver position, would like a personnel meeting.
- Firetruck update – waiting on adjuster – promised to have information to us this week. Superintendent reported insurance agent is trying to get property covered in truck claim to have only one deductible.

### **City Attorney Report –**

-Ordinance in your packet to repeal Ordinance 1421 vacating the alleys from the last council meeting. County mapping department needed additional clarification for description.

### **ORDINANCE – VACATE ALLEYS**

Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1422 – *“An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Repealing Ordinance No. 1421, and Vacating the Following “L” Shaped Alleys Pursuant to the Correct Revised Legal Description Located in Reese’s Addition to the City of Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas: The East-West Alley in Reese’s Addition Beginning at Vermont Avenue, Bordering Lots 4,5, and 6 on the North, and Bordering Lot 3 on the South; and the North-South Alley Bordering Lots 1, 2, and 3 on the East in Reese’s Addition and Bordering Lot 5 on the West in the Third Addition , all Subject to Utility Easements Retained by the City.”*

Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

-Want to make sure I understand that you (council) wish to move forward with Quick Claim Deed on property easement involved in the Mulberry Drainage project.

Attorney was asked who is responsible for trees in easements. Wright provided Code Book 13-314; Ordinance 956. Mayor Spieth read the following: “The city shall have the authority to treat or to remove any tree as defined in this article, or to remove any dead tree as mentioned herein, which is located within the limits of any public right-of-way within the city. The adjacent property owners shall be responsible for the cost of treatment or removal of any such trees within the public right-of-way and this expense shall be borne by the property owner.

Attorney noted there should be due process and the owner notified in advance. Tree board mentioned in the code book discussed.

### **PLAYGROUND SURFACE**

Johnson moved to approve purchase of engineered wood fiber for new park playground equipment surface matting as presented with city crews installing product not to exceed \$15,000 to be paid out of park capital reserves. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Johnson mentioned the Columbus Recreation Commission wishes to meet with the Property / Pool / Parks committee to discuss the feasibility of a recreation center. Meeting date to be determined.

City Superintendent mentioned pool slide was down over the weekend. Motor went out, slide is up and running now. Wiring to pump may not be big enough, will have someone look at it after the season ends and provide quote if wiring needs upgraded.

### **CRACK SEAL BALLPARK ROADS**

Paradee moved to allow city public works crews to crack seal baseball park roadways not to exceed cost of \$6,000. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **Old business –**

- Street paving list in council packets. Overlay for Sunset Circle as temporary fix discussed. Street projects in packet are estimated at the top end including curb/guttering and sidewalks were applicable.
- Curb repair around town including Apple Market discussed.
- Street budget has approximately \$88,000 committed to the Mulberry drainage project.
- Meeting with KDOT June 21 for N East Avenue CCLIP application follow-up.
- City Superintendent was asked to provide drawings and plans for new water plant building.

### **New business –**

- Burton informed the council that the County has lost their sewer person – they have contacted me with questions and request for new employee to operate under my credentials until they are certified. Burton stated this would not interfere with City operations.
- Allison asked if fire prevention trailer could be sold on Purple Wave auction site.

## **SELL FIRE PREVENTION TRAILER**

Opela moved to allow fire department to list fire prevention trailer on the Purple Wave auction site with minimum bid stipulation. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **Mayor Report-**

-Storm water issues – need to plan for the future.

-Don Osenbaugh reported we have received 18 City Administrator applications to date. Wishes to meet second week in July to review applications. Council agreed on July 10, will work with Osenbaugh for meeting time.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Opela called for a twenty-minute executive session at 8:23 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss employment with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney and Fire Chief in attendance. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

## **REGULAR SESSION 8:43 P.M.**

### **TERMINATION – SAM BEST**

Opela moved to terminate the employment of Fire Driver Sam Best effective today June 18, 2018. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Johnson. Motion carried 8-0-1.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Personnel**

**Tuesday 6/19/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Streets/Alleys/Bridges**

**Wednesday 6/20/2018 @ 5:30 p.m.**

#### **Budget & Finance**

**Wednesday 6/20/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*