

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 3, 2019
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met June 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by President of the Council Steve Dunlap. Council members present: Connie Bennett, John Brassart, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, Alvin Patterson, Tom Pryor. Council members absent: Randy Coble.

Council member Alvin Patterson provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of May 20, 2019 Council Meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 19-492 as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

VISITOR – DAVID EDDINGTON

David Eddington spoke to the council on behalf of the Columbus Senior Babe Ruth and Softball organizations. He reported that Columbus will be hosting the State Senior Babe Ruth, the 14U State Softball and the 14U Regional Softball tournaments this summer. Mr. Eddington requested use of the City Pool and donation to help defray the costs.

DONATION – STATE AND REGIONAL BALL TOURNAMENTS

Opela moved to donate a combined \$1,000 to the ball tournaments; \$500 to the Columbus Senior Babe Ruth baseball tournament and \$500 to the Columbus Girls Softball League and the use of the City Swimming Pool from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for each tournament. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Report –

-President of the Council Dunlap issued a Thank you to all of the 1st responders for their efforts during the recent rains and flooding.

City Administrator Report-

- Geotechnical study of High School Street completed by PEC (Professional Engineering Consultants) findings show we have an “okay” base. Even though the road base did not “fail” the test, in light of all of the items associated with this project (sidewalks, infrastructure, storm water, multiple street patching) it was recommended we proceed with the CDBG grant on High School Street and remove it off the 2019 overlay plan. PEC will be coming out one more time to inspect the surface of the street in the coming month.
- KISS TECH contract not ready, will have for next council meeting.
- County evaluation numbers for 2020 budget will be delayed until late June.
- Attended KAPIO training in Wichita, learned much about Facebook.
- Mayor is putting together a beautification team for the City. Interested parties should contact City Hall.

City Treasurer Report –

- Treasurer report in your council packet.

Interim City Superintendent Report

- Twenty inches of ran logged in May, previous record was 18.4 inches in 1943.
- Sidewalk for Mulberry project completed.
- Teeter’s has been delayed by the weather – plan to be back in Columbus in 2 weeks working on North Indiana.
- Crews installed last of the 2” digital water meters. Ordering 8” meter for Butterball, \$6,750.
- Wet spot at Mulberry and Kansas is not a leak.
- Lots of positive comments about the cemetery over Memorial Day weekend.
- Lightning struck sewer lagoon pump during the last storm, turned in to insurance and parts ordered.
- Mosquito spraying will begin once the rain stops.

City Clerk Report –

- Planting the butterfly garden tomorrow at the Columbus Welcome sign by Dollar General at 10 a.m. with the aid of Columbus PRIDE members and Liberty Utilities. Invite interested parties to stop by.
 - Next PRIDE meeting is Tuesday June 11 at noon here at City Hall.
 - Claythorne Shoot June 12-16 from 7-7:30 each day. Participants and vendors from all over the country will be there.
 - Final Fire Up for Fireworks Cookout Thursday June 13 in front of the Community Building from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Project is about \$3,000 shy of the \$10,000 needed for the large aerial display.
 - I will be out of the office Thursday June 13.
 - County election staff unavailable this afternoon. Candidates for the November election as reported in the News Report:
 - Mayor – Grant Spieth
 - Ward 1 – Jerri Burton and Stephanie Farstvedt
 - Ward 2 – Jan Houser
 - Ward 3 – Tom Pryor
 - Ward 4 – Steve Dunlap and Nate Long
 - Ward 5 – None
 - Treasurer – Doug Mogle
 - Hospital Board – Janet Lindsey
- We will post something on Facebook if we get any new information.

Police Chief Report-

- Updated phone number with all Council members (Business cards).
- Officers will be at the shooting range tomorrow qualifying with their firearms, weather permitting.
- Discussion about dead animals in the street on weekends brought up by Council member Lucian. Animal Control Officer was on vacation. City Administrator relayed to City Council that 24-7, she or Police Chief can be called to remedy the matter.

Fire Chief Report-

- Fire contracts delivered to City Clerk.
- Drivers inspecting fire hydrants, painting will begin later this summer.
- Clutch problem on Tanker 24 and pump issue on Engine 22. Tanker towed to Payne's for repairs. We have a loaner truck from Fire Master.
- Conducting damage assessments in county. Pretty confident we will see Presidential declaration for damage. Urged departments to track time for FEMA documentation.

City Attorney Report –

- Procedural delay on six of the condemnation properties from the last council meeting. We need to start over on the process and reset hearing date.

CONDEMNATION RESOLUTIONS

Opela moved to adopt Resolutions 561-566 setting condemnation hearing date for 401 S. Lash, 816 W. Maple, 314 N. Minnesota, 518 W. Oak, 544 W. Olive and 1317 E. Walnut. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

BAD CHECK COLLECTION

Dunlap moved to discontinue bad check collection process for area businesses. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Dunlap moved to adopt the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC). Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Old Business –

1. **Consider Ordinance 1439 reducing the speed limit to twenty (20) miles per hour on Crossland Lane.** City Attorney Barbara Wright stated this Ordinance reflects the council's decision from the last meeting to set the speed limit on Crossland Lane. Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1439 reducing the speed limit to twenty miles per hour on Crossland Lane. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.
2. **Consider Ordinance 1440 increasing sanitation collection charges.** City Attorney Wright stated this Ordinance updates the sanitation charges as approved at the last council meeting. Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1440 increasing sanitation collection charges. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.
3. **Consider Resolution 560 calling for election on council size and terms of office.** City Attorney Barbara Wright stated Resolution 560 has been retitled to Ordinance 1442. This ordinance reflects the council's decision to move forward with the election regarding Ordinance 1436 reducing the size of the council. Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1440 calling for an election regarding the size of the council and terms of office. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: Bennett, Burton, Patterson. Motion carried 5-3.

**New Business –
None.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a fifteen-minute executive session at 7:42 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship to discuss contact with the Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, and Fire Chief in attendance. Meeting to reconvene at 7:57 p.m. in the council chambers. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 7:57 P.M.
NO ACTION TAKEN.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a ten-minute executive session at 7:58 p.m. to continue consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship to discuss contract with the Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, Fire Chief and City Clerk in attendance. Meeting to reconvene at 8:08 p.m. in the council chambers. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meetings:

Personnel

Wednesday June 5, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.

Water & Sewer

Tuesday June 11, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.

Police & License

Tuesday June 11, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk