

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 4, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met June 4, 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, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Tom Pryor, Drew Richards. Council member absent: Sammye Opela.

Pastor John Stone led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of May 21, 2018 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-465 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett, Dunlap, Richards. Motion carried 6-0-3.

VISITOR – DAVID EDDINGTON

David Eddington announced that Columbus has been selected to host the Babe Ruth 13 and under State Baseball tournament July 19-21, 2018. Eddington believes it is a valuable experience for the community as well as the children and families involved. He reminded those present that Columbus hosted the 12 and under Cal Ripken State Baseball tournament in 2015. Team registration will take place on the 19th followed by a cook out and activities for the participants and their families. Ballgames will begin on Friday. Donors have stepped forward to help with the cookout. Eddington asked if the City would donate the use of the Community Building on the 19th for registration and the use of swimming pool that evening. He also asked if the City would share the \$900 entry fee cost with Cherokee County as they did in 2015.

DONATION – STATE BABE RUTH TOURNAMENT

Johnson moved to donate the use of the Community Building all day and the use of the City Swimming Pool from 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. July 19, 2018 for the Babe Ruth 13 and under State Baseball tournament. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

DONATION – STATE BABE RUTH TOURNAMENT

Dunlap moved to donate \$450.00 towards the Babe Ruth 13 and under State Baseball tournament entry fee to be paid out of economic development. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

City Treasurer Report –

-Report in your packets showing cash balances as of 5/31/2018.

City Superintendent Report –

-Crews will be

- picking up flowers at the cemetery starting Tuesday.

- painting handicap parking spaces uptown.
- painting curbs.
- crack sealing streets.
- patching street potholes.
- installing more digital water meters.
- mowing.

- will be meeting with KDOT 6/21 regarding recent CCLIP project application.
- sent more than 40 weed notices so far.
- new water meter software expected soon.
- asked council to consider storm water funding/financing ideas.
- asked council to consider updating weed/mowing guidelines and regulations.
- will consult Teeters about paving timeline.

City Clerk Report –

-Final Fire up for Fireworks cookout next Thursday June 14 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in front of the Community Building. Approximately \$7,500 of the \$10,000 needed to have the larger firework display this year requested by many in the community has been raised. Come out and support the cause.

Police Chief Report –

(Sergeant Hatfield attended in the absence of Chief Daniels)

-No report – will take questions.

Fire Chief Report-

(Assistant Fire Chief Burton attended in the absence of Fire Chief Allison)

-East town storm siren unhooked Saturday morning due to malfunction. Will get someone in to look at it.

-No report from the insurance adjuster on the fire truck damage. City Superintendent Jim Burton advised the insurance adjuster is still collecting data and hope to have more information later this week.

-Staffing update – several things going on / need to figure out how to cover department in the short term. Mayor suggested personnel meeting to discuss options.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Patterson moved to allow personnel committee to resolve the fire department staffing issue on a temporary basis. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

City Attorney Report –

-Quick Claim Deed for your review regarding the Mulberry drainage project. This would deed easement to the City to proceed with project. I need an executive session to discuss additional information related to the exchange.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a ten-minute executive session at 7:24 p.m. for attorney client privilege to discuss contract with everyone on the horseshoe in attendance. Burton seconded the motion.

Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards.

Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:34 P.M.

ORDINANCE 1421 - EASEMENT REESE ADDITION – NORTH VERMONT

Richards moved to approve Ordinance 1421 – “*An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Vacating the Following “L” Shaped Alleys Located in Reese’s Addition to the City of Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas: the East-West Alley Beginning at Vermont Avenue, Bordering Blocks 4, 5, and 6 on the North, and Bordering Block 3 on the South; and the North-South Alley Bordering Blocks 1, 2, and 3 on the East, and Bordering Block 5 on the West, All Subject to Utility Easements Retained by the City*”. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION GRANT – HOSPITALITY CENTER

Lucian moved to approve Commercial Rehabilitation Grant application for the Cherokee County Hospitality Center up to \$1,821.50. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Dunlap. Motion carried 8-0-1.

PAY INCREASE – MELINDA HOSIER

Dunlap moved to approve pay increase for Melinda Hosier, Police Department/Administration Office Assistant, to \$10.32 per hour effective pay period beginning January 14, 2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

PAY INCREASE – JUDI MOGLE

Dunlap moved to approve pay increase for Judi Mogle, Assistant City Clerk/Accounting Clerk, to \$16.38 per hour effective pay period beginning May 5, 2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

PAY INCREASE – RUSSELL ZWAHLEN

Dunlap moved to approve pay increase for Russell Zwahlen, Cemetery Sexton, to \$13.47 per hour effective pay period beginning April 22, 2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

PAY INCREASE – KENNETH MITCHELL

Dunlap moved to approve pay increase for Kenneth Mitchell, Laborer, to \$10.23 per hour effective pay period beginning May 6, 2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Old business –

- Reported new swings in Reeves park are appreciated and being used.
- Superintendent Burton reported winner of slide bid approved at the last council meeting decided not to take the slide/swing frame. Second highest bidder was notified.
- Cemetery water update. Boring company contacted.

New business –

-Burton informed that mosquito spraying will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays of the first and third week each month as long as necessary.

Mayor Report-

-Appointments:

- Barbara Wright as the City Attorney.
- John Bullard as Municipal Judge.
- Jacob Conard as Prosecuting Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY – BARBARA WRIGHT

Dunlap moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Barbara Wright as City Attorney. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE – JOHN BULLARD

Dunlap moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of John Bullard as Municipal Judge. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – JACOB CONARD

Patterson moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Jacob Conard as Prosecuting Attorney. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Tuesday 6/05/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Budget & Finance

Tuesday 6/05/2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Property/Pool/Parks

Wednesday 6/06/2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Tuesday 6/12/2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk