

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 21, 2018  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met May 21, 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. Council members absent: Steve Dunlap and Drew Richards.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of May 7, 2018 council meeting minutes, May 15, 2018 special meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-464 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Patterson. Motion carried 7-0-1.

**VISITOR – JANET GRAHAM**

Janet Graham addressed the council regarding her Commercial Rehabilitation Matching Grant for the old Bulldog building on South Kansas. Mrs. Graham informed the council there have been additional problems arise and it is not feasible to continue with the plan to renovate the building. She thanked the council for supporting downtown renovation and the matching grant opportunity, however she is forfeiting the grant and plans to take down the building.

**VISITOR – LIZ SIMPSON**

Liz Simpson representing The Columbus Project approached the council regarding the farmers market and kick off event planned for June 21. As part of continuing efforts to bring more fresh, healthy food options to Cherokee County, a farmers market will begin in Columbus on June 7. The market will be held on Thursdays from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 202 N. East Avenue, directly across the street north of the NAPA store. A kick off event is planned for June 21 and organizers would like to hold this at Discovery Park on the southeast corner of the square. Ms. Simpson thought there might be some confusion from the May 7 council meeting when Broc Newberry visited with the council about the event. The regular farmers market will be on N. East Avenue, it is only the kick off event that they wish to hold downtown. She asked if Kansas Street from Pine Street to Elm Street could be closed from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. on June 21 to allow for foot traffic between the park and the State Theatre courtyard during the event.

**CLOSE STREET – FARMERS MARKET KICK OFF**

Opela moved to close Kansas Street from Pine Street to Elm Street June 21 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. during the farmers market kick off event. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**VISITOR – TAMARA JARRETT**

Tamara Jarrett agent for RealPro Realty approached the council with a request to vacate alley(s) adjoining property she has under contract at 412 North Vermont to allow the sale to close. The

current owner has been at this location for more than 30 years, there is a fence and building on adjoining easement (alley). It was not known these were on a city easement until the title search.

### **VACATE ALLEYS**

Burton moved to vacate alleys south and east of 412 North Vermont as described with the City retaining utility easements. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

### **City Treasurer Report –**

-Would like to have ten minutes at the next budget and finance committee meeting.

### **City Superintendent Report -**

-Crews have been

- \* working at the cemetery getting things ready for Memorial Day.
- \* hauling brush.
- \*filling potholes.

-Collected approximately 12 tons of tires at the recent recycle event. Pleased with the outcome with the short advertising opportunity.

-Contractor has started work on the buildings at the city lot approved at previous council meeting.

-Received three sealed bids for the slide and swing frame from the City Park. Would like permission to open bids tonight. Bids as follow:

- \*Jake Cain - \$50
- \*Jason/Lorie Johnson - \$150
- \*Lee Cossairt - \$167

### **SLIDE BID**

Opela moved to accept Lee Cossairt bid of \$167.00 for the slide and swing frame taken out of the City Park. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Comments to Superintendent of how nice the cemetery looks right before the holiday.

### **City Clerk Report –**

-City Hall will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

### **Police Chief Report –**

-Dog pound passed recent State inspection. Violations were noted that will need attention in the next 12 months order to remain compliant.

-Fish with a Badge event last Saturday at the VFW pond was very successful. Forty children came out to participate and each received several prizes. Had request to make this an every weekend event. Thank you to all who sponsored and came out to help: Angelo's, Burton Small Engine Repair, Crossland Construction, Columbus Police Department employees, Columbus Fire Department employees, Columbus Tire, Farmers COOP, CUHS Technology class and teacher Matt Ross, Jay Hatfield Chevrolet, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, McDonalds, Mercy Hospital, Mike Carpino Ford, Opela Family, Optic Communications, True Value and Walmart in Pittsburg, Ks.

-Scott Leamon with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks would like to address the council about adopting ordinance allowing local police department to enforce state regulations through city court.

-Received three sealed bids for a new patrol car / would like to open tonight if there are no objections. Chief Daniels read bid specifications for new patrol car. Trade is 2013 Ford Interceptor in as is condition. Bids as follows:

\*Jay Hatfield Ford Sarcoxie, Missouri

2018 Ford Interceptor	\$27,061.18	
Less trade in	1,500.00	
Final price	\$25,561.18	6-8 weeks for delivery

\*Mike Carpino Ford Columbus, Kansas

2018 Ford Interceptor	\$25,112.00	
Less trade in	1,000.00	
Final price	\$ 24,112.00	8-10 weeks for delivery

\*Jay Hatfield Chrysler Dodge Ram Frontenac, Kansas

2018 Dodge Charger	\$23,797.00	
Less trade in	1,500.00	
Final price	\$22,297.00	

### **POLICE CAR BID**

Lucian moved to accept the Hatfield Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram in Frontenac, Kansas patrol car bid in the amount of \$22,297.00 including trade as presented. Opela seconded the motion.

Voting aye: Bennett, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Burton, Johnson, Paradee. Motion carried 5-0-3.

### **Fire Chief Report-**

-Sunday morning Fireman Sam Best had a medical incident while responding to a call causing him to hit a utility pole and tree. He is currently in Freeman Hospital undergoing treatment and testing. Fire Master will provide a rental/loaner truck. City Superintendent closed road and took care of tree debris. Kansas Highway Patrol worked the accident so there would be no conflict of interest. Adjuster will be assessing the truck damage on Thursday. Payne Towing transported the damaged firetruck to their facility.

-2019 fire budget is ready for committee review.

-Department is covered. Backup Relief Drivers are filling in to cover shifts.

### **City Attorney Report –**

-Would like a brief executive session towards the end of the meeting.

### **INTERIM POLICE LIEUTENANT – DAVID JUSTICE**

Opela moved to promote David Justice to interim Police Lieutenant with an hourly wage increase to \$17.68 per hour. Motion withdrawn before second.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Opela called for a ten-minute executive session at 7:53 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss employee promotion with the Council, Mayor, Attorney, Police Chief and City Clerk in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 8:03 P.M.**

**INTERIM POLICE LIEUTENANT – *DAVID JUSTICE***

Opela moved to promote Sergeant David Justice to interim Police Lieutenant with an hourly wage of \$18.38 for as long as he holds this position. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**Old business –**

- City Superintendent reported–
- New diving boards ordered for the swimming pool are in.
- Adding more cameras in the park and pool area.
- Mulberry drainage project update.

**New business –**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Burton called for a ten-minute executive session at 8:26 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship to discuss contract with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 8:36 P.M.**

**Mayor Report -**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**Meetings:**

**Economic Development**

**Wednesday 5/23/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Fire**

**Wednesday 5/23/2018 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Cemetery**

**Thursday 5/24/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Personnel**

**Thursday 5/24/2018 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Water and Sewer**

**Tuesday 5/29/2018 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Sanitation**

**Tuesday 5/29/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Police and Licensing**

**Wednesday 5/30/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Property/Pool/Parks**  
**Wednesday 5/30/2018 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Streets/Alleys/Bridges**  
**Thursday 5/31/2018 @ 5:00 p.m.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*