

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met May 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Jerri Burton, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Tom Pryor. Council members absent: Connie Bennett, Steve Dunlap, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of April 16, 2018 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-463 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

VISITOR – JASON HANFORD

Jason Hanford, owner of The Cutting Company 111 North Pennsylvania, approached the council regarding a ramp for the business entrance. He has replaced the walkway from the main sidewalk to the curb and would like permission to modify sidewalk to allow ramp at the business entrance. The project as presented would impede north/south sidewalk traffic according to City Superintendent Burton. Suggestions of removable wood or metal ramp similar to the one used at the barber shop on the corner were mentioned. Hanford thanked the council for their consideration.

VISITOR – BROCC NEWBERRY

Brocc Newberry representing The Columbus Project approached the council with information of a farmer's market. Plans are to have it around Discovery Park on the corner of Pine and Kansas Streets Thursday nights starting June 14 in hopes to bring people together downtown. He is requesting to close one block of Pine and one block of Kansas around the park from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the event. Newberry stated there are plans for food trucks and music for the kickoff event on the 14th. Council members voiced concern of blocking Kansas Street as it is main road through town and is used by semi-trucks going to the COOP during harvest. There was also concern for residential property in the area and possible interruption of neighboring business. Council members agreed they are in favor of the idea but not the location. Mr. Newberry was asked to get back with the organizers to see if better venue could be found.

VISITOR – PATRICK/REBECCA DOBYNS

Patrick and Rebecca Dobyms, 910 South Florida, informed the council Patrick was one of a small number of athletes chosen to participate in a Football Hall of Fame Academy this July in Canton, Ohio. The camp offers the chance to train for three days with former NFL players and all-star coaches. Only two hundred and fifty children in each age group are chosen nationwide. This is a once in a life-time opportunity, any support would be greatly appreciated. It was noted the council does not usually contribute to this type of individual event. Suggestions were made to contact the Lions Club and Community Foundation.

VISITOR – FERRARA/FIRE MASTER

Representatives from Ferrara and Fire Master Fire Apparatus spoke to the council about a ladder truck for the fire department and financing opportunity through HGCABuy purchasing solution. Gentlemen had stopped in on their way back from Indianapolis trade show to demonstrate fire truck. Several payment options are available that could make a purchase more affordable. Topic was referred to fire committee for further review.

City Treasurer Report –

-Mr. Mogle was not able to attend the meeting.

City Superintendent Report -

-Ewaste update.

- * Thank you to Crossland Construction for use of fork truck, CERT team and other volunteers.
- * Cherokee County wide program
- * 178 people signed in.
- * 138 participants from the 66725 zip code.
- * 43,500 pounds collected compared to 21,000 pounds last year.
- * \$602 in donations collected to help offset the cost.
- * collected 2 semi-trailers, 2 dump trucks and 2 flat beds full of material.
- * \$1,600 cost involved with each trailer.

- Travel authorization in your packet for 4 public works employees to attend confined space training.

- Will be attending Emergency Management Training in Arkansas City on Friday 5/11 with Councilmember Tom Pryor.

- Professional Engineering Consultants submitted Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) grant application approved at the last council meeting. If awarded the City's responsibility would be \$42,122 for 2019/2020 project.

-Crews getting cemetery ready for Memorial Day.

-Crews working on West Country Road water valve.

-Crews hauling brush.

-Would like permission to conduct tire recycle program before Memorial Day. Cost would be \$100 per ton, dumpster would be additional \$100. Money was budgeted for e-waste program, county picked up the cost, could use these funds for tire program.

TIRE RECYCLE

Opela moved to allow City Superintendent to conduct tire collection Saturday May 19 with drop off at the City Lot on Kansas Street for City residents showing utility bill for proof of residency. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

-Roll door on cemetery chapel has been installed.

-Dirt work for chapel landscaping started.

-Digital water meters have arrived. Will start installation soon.

-Working with County on paving/planning street projects.

-Water meter discussion.

-Cyber liability insurance quote from Ryan Insurance.

CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE – RYAN INSURANCE

Lucian moved to approve purchase of cyber liability insurance through Ryan Insurance, Pittsburg, Kansas in the amount of \$ 1,328.18 for \$1 million of coverage to be paid out of administration budget. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor-

Appointment of Mary Hill Crosby to the Columbus Housing Authority Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Kitty Mackensen expiring April 1, 2019.

COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY – MARY HILL CROSBY

Opela moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mary Hill Crosby to the Columbus Housing Authority Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Kitty Mackensen expiring April 1, 2019. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

City Clerk Report –

- Attended budget workshop last week in Iola with Mayor Spieth and Mr. Burton. Good information.
- Filing deadline for those running for city council in the November 2018 election is June 1. Candidates file at the County Courthouse with the County Clerk.
- Dividend check from Ryan Insurance - \$9,449.33. This is from the 2017 property/liability coverage through EMC.
- Business Lunch and Learn Series information in your packets. Cherokee County Economic Development is sponsoring the program covering several topics over the next few months. Classes will be held the third Wednesday of the month at 201 E. Pine from noon – 1 p.m. Participation is free.
- Fire up for Fireworks cookout this Thursday from 11 a.m.– to 1p.m. in front of the Community Building. We are about half way to the \$10,000 goal for the larger display. Come out and support the cause.
- Copier update. Xerox has picked up the leased copiers from the police department and the front office.

Police Chief Report –

- Travel authorization forms for myself and Sergeant David Justice to attend Police Supervisor Liability Seminar in Kansas City, Missouri June 3-5 in your packets.
- Animal Control Officer Gary Gideon is organizing “Come Fish with the Badge” fishing tournament for area youth. Event will be at the V.F.W. pond on East Country Road Sunday, May 20 from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. There will be four age groups with prizes for casting contest, most fish and largest fish.
- Would like to schedule a Personnel meeting and a Police and Licensing meeting

City Attorney Report –

I have something to report when we get to Personnel.

Fire Chief Report-

-Apologize for short notice of the fire truck demonstration. I think this is something that would really benefit the department and the City. Would like to set a Fire committee meeting to discuss options.

- I have another form for the Mayor to sign for the storm siren grant. Looks like all the grants I submitted were approved. Will go out for bids once I get final authorization.
- May 20th finalizing fire department new hire training on West Oak with hose deployment and search / rescue drills.
- Automatic aid for structure fires reviewed.

COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION GRANT – *THE WORKS SALON AND BOUTIQUE*

Lucian moved to approve Commercial Rehabilitation Grant application for The Works Salon and Boutique up to \$3,060.00. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

POOL PASSES

Johnson moved to approve pool passes for full time employees, seasonal employees and volunteer firefighters and their immediate families. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING UPDATES

Johnson moved to approve Ernest Yoder quote for public works barn siding and electrical building roof of \$7,122 to be paid out of property reserves. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

CITY HALL REPAIR

Johnson moved to approve City Hall stucco and pillar repairs as provided in Kent Greenwood Plastering Company, Granby, Missouri quote in the amount of \$3,307 to be paid out of property reserves. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

DIVING BOARDS

Johnson moved to approve purchase of two aluminum diving boards from Lincoln Aquatics in the amount of \$7,200 as quoted to be paid out of the pool budget. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a twenty - minute executive session at 8:05 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss separation with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and Chief of Police in attendance. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:25 P.M.

RESIGNATION – *STEPHEN MATTICE*

Opela moved to accept resignation of Stephen Mattice, Police Lieutenant, effective May 7, 2018. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

MAYOR SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Opela moved to allow the Mayor to sign document related to resignation. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Old business –

None.

New business –

None.

Mayor-

-Special meeting Tuesday May 15, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. to meet with Osenbaugh Consulting representatives to start City Administrator search process.

ADJOURNMENT

Lucian moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 6-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Monday 5/14/2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Special Meeting

Tuesday 5/15/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Police & Licensing

Wednesday 5/16/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk