

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 20, 2017
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met November 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor W.E. Schaiff. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, and Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Drew Richards.

Reverend Warren of the Christian Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of November 6, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-448 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Burton, Johnson. Motion carried 7-0-2.

VISITOR – JANET MILLER – CHEROKEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Janet Miller, Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation Director thanked the council members for the City's membership in the corporation and for being such terrific supporters of their work. She provided an annual update on the goals and activities of the corporation. Mrs. Miller stated they are always promoting a broad range of infrastructure upgrades including water/sewer, housing, telecommunications, etc.; encouraging entrepreneur friendly communities; tourism opportunities; new businesses as well as sustaining existing businesses. The county economic development corporation would be happy to work with the city economic development committee on incentive and abatements package.

City Treasurer Report –

-Everything remain stable.

City Superintendent Report –

- Evans Construction will be pouring concrete at the cemetery project Wednesday weather permitting.
- Bennett Construction will be working on the Mulberry Street drainage project next week.
- Closing park restrooms for the winter.
- Crews will be installing Christmas lights 11/27
- Crews has been trimming brush in the alleys
- Tried out new street sweeper on leaf pickup – worked well, can pick up residential leaves on a case by case basis, leaves need to be free of sticks and debris and be 10-15 feet from the curb-call City Hall to be placed on list.
- Will be on vacation next week but will be available by phone if needed.
- North Indiana pothole on repair list.
- Kansas and Olive drain culvert

City Clerk Report -

- Election results: Mayor – Grant Spieth
Treasurer – Doug Mogle
Ward 1 – Jerri Burton
Ward 2 – Ron Johnson
Ward 3 – Owen Tom Pryor
Ward 4 – Steve Dunlap (write in – 5 votes)
Ward 5 – Alvin H.G. Patterson
Hospital Board – David Boyd
- These people will take office the second Monday in January 2018
- Reminder of ALICE training Thursday 11/30/17 at 6:00 p.m.
- Sidewalk project update; still have three open projects, homeowners are waiting on construction crews to begin the work. Smaller projects pushed back.
- Received paperwork from Team Threads for completed Commercial Rehabilitation Grant project, will need economic development committee meeting for review and recommendation.
- LMI survey update; still short approximately 800 qualifying residents to meet the requirement guidelines according to Ms. Galemore at Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission. Committee plans to meet soon to discuss options.
- City Hall closed Thursday and Friday 11/23-11/24 for Thanksgiving holiday.

Police Chief –

- Working on four properties for condemnation, plan to present them at the December 6 council meeting.
- Need a five minute executive session at some point tonight to discuss a personnel matter.

Fire Chief –

- Fire department was not represented at the meeting.

City Attorney-

- Draft of noise ordinance in your council packet as requested at the last council meeting.

ORDINANCE 1414 – NOISE

Lucian moved to approve Ordinance 1414 – *An Ordinance by the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Chapter XI, and Establishing New Article 4, Noise Violations, Sections 11-401 Through 11-404.* Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESIGNATION – ZACK BURKHART

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Zack Burkhardt, Laborer, not in good standing effective 11/09/2017. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

RESIGNATION – JIM BOWEN

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Jim Bowen, Cemetery Sexton, not in good standing effective 11/14/2017. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

ADVERTISE METER READER OPENING

Dunlap moved to advertise the open Meter Reader position listing a beginning wage of \$10.65 per hour with a possibility of an increase to \$11.09 after 90 day probation period. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Old Business-

-City Superintendent Burton thanked the council for allowing him to attend the recent Four Corners Emergency Management Conference. Burton stated 70% of emergency response falls under his departments in an FEMA type event like an ice storm or tornado. He appreciates the training opportunity.

New Business –

- Mayor appointed Ivan Crossland to the Columbus Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Robin Wells.

COLUMBUS RECREATION COMMISSION BOARDMEMBER – IVAN CROSSLAND

Spieth moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Ivan Crossland to the Columbus Recreation Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Robin Wells. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a five minute executive session at 7:22 p.m. for personnel matters of nonelected personnel to discuss an employee issue with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Chief of Police and City Clerk in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:27 P.M.

NO ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Meetings:
Budget & Finance
Monday 11/27/2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development
TBA

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk