

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 2019
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met November 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Connie Bennett, John Brassart, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Jan Houser, Sammye Opela, Tom Pryor. Council members absent: Stephanie Farstvedt and Sean Gilmore.

Pastor John Waring of the First Christian Church led the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of October 21, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes, Appropriation Ordinance 19-502, October Personnel Report including Fire Chief Jason Allison resignation as presented. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Houser, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Report –

- Reminder to all to vote tomorrow 11/5.

City Administrator Report-

- Thank you for the opportunity to attend ICMA conference, received good information and training. Plan to have a full report at a future meeting.
- City Park basketball court project update. Liberty Utilities will be moving utility poles, planning on December concrete pour weather permitting.
- Working on end of year budget projections.
- Pedestrian Master Plan and CDBG grant applications have been submitted. Award announcements will be late January 2020.
- Reminder of the Landbank work session 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 6 here in the council chambers. Pittsburg City Staff will be here with presentation.
- Columbus Day update. Police, Fire and Public Works department tracked staff hours involved in preparing for and working Columbus Day events. City staff logged 166 hours, equating to \$2,490 as part of the City's contribution to Columbus Day festivities.
- Need to schedule water and sanitation meetings.
- I will be out of the office November 12-15 for vacation.
- City staff participated in the Halloween Safe Walk. The event was moved to Central gym due to the cold weather; it was estimated 600 children participated.

City Treasurer Report –

-Nothing to report.

Interim City Superintendent Report –

- Leaf pick up will begin November 12. City crews will spend 2 days in each ward. Leaves should be raked to the alley or street near the trash collection site. Leaves need to be free of trash and sticks.
- Reeves Park fence has been fixed and painted.

City Administrator noted and thanked Bennett for section lettering at the City Cemetery.

City Clerk Report –

- Landbank work session tomorrow at 5.
- City offices will be closed Monday, November 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day.
- LKM land bank webinar will be available here at City Hall Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m.
- PRIDE meeting Tuesday, November 12, noon at City Hall. Barbara Anderson from the Kansas Department of Commerce will present a Community of Excellence Award to the City.
- I will be attending training in Wichita Thursday November 14 and Friday November 15.

Police Chief Report –

- Officer Holt will have code enforcement presentation later in the meeting.

Fire Chief Report-

- 12 runs since last meeting, 231 year to date.
- Department worked a house fire late last night.
- Department staff interacted with 500 children during Fire Prevention training.
- Storm siren near NAPA did not sound during the last siren test. Blue Valley will be in next week to address the matter.
- Fire Marshall investigation on West Maple fire complete.

City Attorney Report –

- Will address items under police and license segment and old business.

FIRE CHIEF JOB DESCRIPTION

Opela moved to approve the Fire Chief job description. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Houser, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Officer Gary Holt provided presentation explaining proposed policy and procedure for code violations. City Attorney Barbara Wright spoke to the City Code Book and the need to separate standard operating procedures for each type of complaint. Police Chief Jason Daniels asked for the council to designate Officer Holt as the Code Enforcement Officer.

ORDINANCE 1454 – IPMC/UNFIT STRUCTURES

Dunlap moved to approve Ordinance 1454 amending the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), Adopted in Ordinance 1441, Codified at Section 4-901, and Amending and Repealing certain sections of Chapter IV Article 6 of the Code of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Concerning Dangerous and Unfit Structures. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Houser, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 7-0.

ORDINANCE 1455 – IPMC

Dunlap moved to approve Ordinance 1455 amending the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), Adopted in Ordinance 1441, Codified at Section 4-901, and Amending and Repealing certain sections of Chapter IV and Chapter VIII of the Code of the City of Columbus, Kansas, that supplement and duplicate the IPMC. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Houser, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

DESIGNATE CODE ENFORCMENT OFFICER

Dunlap moved to designate Gary Holt as the City Code Enforcement Officer. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Houser, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Houser called for a 15-minute executive session at 7:31 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship. Motion was withdrawn before a vote.

Old Business –

- 1. Consider Ordinance 1453 repealing section 4-202A of Chapter IV, Article 2 of the Code for the City of Columbus, Kansas and Incorporating by reference the “International Residential Code” 2018 Edition, Establishing Rules and Regulations for Construction of Residential Dwellings.** Houser moved to approve Ordinance 1453 repealing section 4-202A of Chapter IV, Article 2 of the Code for the City of Columbus, Kansas and Incorporating by reference the “International Residential Code” 2018 Edition, Establishing Rules and Regulations for Construction of Residential Dwellings. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Houser, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

City Administrator Daniela Rivas informed we have a draft of the City Code Book revision. She will be reviewing with the City Attorney and others; plan to have this back to the company by the end of the year.

City website is under construction. Rivas spoke to electronic footprint and efforts to make our website more informative and user friendly.

New Business –

- 1. Consider 2020 Blue Cross Blue Shield health/dental insurance renewal for City employees.** City Clerk Cherri Chancellor noted renewal information was included in council packets. Numbers show dental coverage cost increase and medical premium decrease translating to a blended decrease of approximately 2% for 2020 renewal rates. She noted a 10% increase was figured in the 2020 budget for this employee benefit. Burton moved to approve 2020 Blue Cross Blue Shield health/dental insurance renewal for City employees. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Houser, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Houser called for a fifteen-minute executive session at 7:50 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters hat would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship to discuss contract with the Governing Body, City Attorney and the City Clerk in attendance. Meeting to reconvene in the council chambers at 8:05 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION 8:05 P.M.
NO ACTION TAKEN.**

ADJOURNMENT

Houser moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Brassart seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Dunlap, Houser, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Meetings:

Work Session

Thursday November 7, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk