

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 5, 2018  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met November 5, 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, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Tom Pryor. Council member absent: Drew Richards.

Pastor John Warring from the First Christian Church provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of October 15, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-475 as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Paradee. Motion carried 8-0-1.

**City Administrator Report-**

- Getting acquainted with staff and community.
- Working with Mayor and City Clerk getting up to speed on the business of the City.
- Toured City facilities and properties with Interim Superintendent.
- LMI survey – would like to provide incentive program to encourage participation.

**City Treasurer Report –**

- Third quarter Treasurer Report in the packet, will be published this week.
- Would like to discuss interest rates.

**Interim City Superintendent Report –**

- Sunset Circle and Crossland Addition paving projects complete; will be moving east to start on the intersections.
- Leaf pickup program began today in Ward 1, crews will be spending two days in each ward.
- Mulberry drainage project update.
- Curb repair on Maple Street at Apple Market complete; will begin work in front of New Beginnings Salon in a week or so.

**City Clerk Report –**

- Admin employees participated in the Halloween Safe Walk along with Police and Fire employees. Event was moved to the live stock barns at the fairgrounds due to weather. Large turnout despite the weather.
- Reminder City offices will be closed Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day.
- City Christmas parade and celebration will be Wednesday, November 28. Home town Christmas theme, grill will be going with proceeds going to the 2019 fireworks fund. Events begin at 5 p.m. with parade at 7 p.m.
- Ads for the open City Superintendent position have been posted on the LKM website, Kansas Works, Ranson City Code, in the local paper, Joplin Globe and Monster.com.
- Reminder to get out and vote tomorrow.

**Police Chief Report –**

- B-3 Construction began condemnation demolitions last week. Weather will determine how long.
- Will be attending Kansas Association of Code Enforcement training with ACO Gideon later this week.

**Fire Chief Report-**

- Nothing new to report for Engine 22.
- Working on specifications for new shower remodel bid.
- Storm siren bid information will be in the next council packet.

**City Attorney Report –**

- Working with City Administrator on Code Book updates. Will have ordinances for consideration at upcoming council meetings.

**COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION GRANT REIMBURSEMENT**

Lucian moved to approve The Works Salon & Boutique Commercial Rehabilitation Grant reimbursement request in the amount of \$3,285.08. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ANIMAL CONTROL/COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION**

Opela moved to adopt the Animal Control/Community Service Officer job description as presented. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ACO/CSO – GARY GIDEON**

Opela moved to approve Gary Gideon for the position of Animal Control/Community Service Officer with a beginning wage of \$13.37 per hour retro to 11/05/2018. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 9-0.

**Old Business –**

**None.**

**New Business –**

**1. Discussion: Council Agenda format.**

City Administrator Daniela Rivas discussed with Council changes to the Council agenda.

**2. Consider Approval of Volunteer firefighter resignations.**

Burton moved to approve the resignations of Volunteer Fire Fighters Gary Gideon, Seth Sullivan and Scott Sullivan. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**3. Discussion: Resignation process.**

City Administrator Daniela Rivas asked Council for approval that going forward, all firefighter resignations be placed on the consent agenda. Council agreed.

**4. Consider Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance renewal for 2019.**

City Administrator Daniela Rivas presented Council with the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal. The increase totaled 1.9%. Staff recommended we accept the renewal as presented. Opela moved to approve renewal of city employee medical and dental insurance coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield for 2019 as quoted. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**5. Consider amending Chapter I Article 9, Section 1-903 regarding the City's request for bid proposals.**

City Administrator Daniela Rivas asked to handle the bid process and bid opening during normal business hours. She mentioned this would take place on Friday's with the City Administrator and a Department head. A bid tabulation would be created and presented to Council at the following Council meeting for approval. A motion was made by Johnson to allow City Administrator Rivas to handle the janitorial service and fire department shower remodel bid process for the City. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0. Ms. Rivas mentioned she would present the changes to Chapter I Article 9, Section 1-903 at the following Council meeting.

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Opela moved to allow City Administrator to investigate needs and funding sources for Community Building rehab. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**Mayor –**

- Appointment of Aron Burton for the position of Volunteer Fire fighter.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER – ARON BURTON**

Bennett moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Aron Burton as Volunteer Fire fighter. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: Dunlap. Abstain: Burton. Motion carried 7-1-1.

-Appointment of Kasie England for the position of Volunteer Fire fighter.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER – KASIE ENGLAND**

Bennett moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kasie England as Volunteer Fire fighter. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: Dunlap, Lucian. Abstain: Burton. Motion carried 6-2-1.

-Appointment of Daniela Rivas as City's Spring River 19 water representative.

**SPRING RIVER 19 REPRESENTATIVES**

Opela moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Daniela Rivas and Scott Bennett to attend Spring River 19 water meetings on behalf of the City. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Opela moved to go into a ten-minute executive session at 8:07 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship to discuss a contract with the Council, Administrator, Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk and Interim City Superintendent in attendance. The meeting will resume in the city council chambers at 8:17 p.m. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 8:17 P.M.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**Meetings:**

**None.**

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*