

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met October 15, 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, Alvin Patterson, Tom Pryor. Council member absent: John Paradee, Drew Richards.

Toni Spieth representing the Presbyterian Church provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of October 1, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-474 as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Spieth introduced new City Administrator Daniela Rivas to the group.

City Treasurer Report –

-Treasurer report on your desks, interest rates are going up. Would like to visit with the Budget and Finance Committee at future meeting to discuss City investments and CD rates. Interest rates are going up.

Interim City Superintendent Report –

- Columbus Day weekend went well.
- New time capsule installed in front of City Hall and brick work finished. Teeter's plan to be in town end of next week to begin paving project weather permitting. Rain has caused delays on their current job.
- Curb replacement on East Maple at Apple Market could be completed by Friday if weather holds.
- Received GPS maps from Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA), will review/proof and send back for finalizing. Mayor Spieth asked Bennett to inquire if KRWA uses final grade.
- Received new cemetery mower.

City Clerk Report –

- As the Mayor reported, today was Ms. Rivas' first day; helping her get situated and up to speed.
- Attended wage and hour workshop last week in Pittsburg with City Attorney Barbara Wright. Will be working to update some of our current policies.

Police Chief Report –

- B-3 Construction will be in town starting work on five condemnation demolitions weather permitting.
- Took delivery of 2019 Dodge Charger last Tuesday it is in service and ready to go.

- Halloween Safe Walk scheduled for Wednesday October 31, 5:30 p.m. around the square. Admin and the Police department will be handing out McGruff trick or treat bags with candy and safety/activity sheets.
- Update on Sunset Street fire damaged house. Owner states he plans to rebuild, is waiting on insurance to process.

Fire Chief Report-

- 253 fire runs to for the year.
- Fire truck update. Some confusion on progress. Chassis is not scheduled to be in Florida until December/January. Approximately 45 days to put everything together.
- Received storm siren grant award letter, will need to go out for bids.
- Possible volunteer firefighter resignations to be presented at the next council meeting. These will go through the volunteer fire meeting before being presented to council.
- Looking at possibility of bringing back junior reserve fire program.

City Attorney Report –

- Nothing in tonight’s packet for consideration.
- Attended wage and hour seminar last week with City Clerk. Very informative, will working with personnel committee / police department on changes to weed, health and nuisance code.

WAGE INCREASE – JUSTIN ROGERS

Opela moved to approve pay increase for Justin Rogers to \$11.37 per hour while filling in as Meter Reader retro to September 10. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

METER READER – JUSTIN ROGERS

Opela moved to approve Justin Rogers for the position of Meter Reader with a beginning wage of \$12.50 per hour. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

FIRE DRIVER – AMOS CUPP

Opela moved to approve Amos Cupp for the position of Fire Driver with a beginning wage of \$12.31 per hour providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 8-0.

FIRE LEAD DRIVER – STEVEN BURTON

Opela moved to approve promotion of Steven Burton to Fire Lead Driver with a beginning wage of \$14.03 per hour based on experience. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

WAGE INCREASE – GARY GIDEON

Opela moved to approve pay increase for Animal Control Officer Gary Gideon to \$11.37 per hour, effective October 15, 2018. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

WAGE INCREASE – *CHERRI CHANCELLOR*

Opela moved to approve wage increase for City Clerk Cherrri Chancellor to \$19.30 per hour retro to August 13, 2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

SIDEWALK GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS

Johnson moved to reimburse completed sidewalk program projects for Hollis, 317 South Minnesota - \$1,875.00 and Farstvedt, 325 North Minnesota - \$1,875.00. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

SIDEWALK GRANT APPLICATION

Johnson moved to approve sidewalk grant application for Bennett, 815 East Sycamore in the amount of \$675.00. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried 7-0-1.

SIDEWALK GRANT APPLICATION

Johnson moved to approve sidewalk grant application for Daniels, 524 South Minnesota in the amount of \$2,178.00. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

MULBERRY STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT

Johnson moved to approve PEC underground squash tile quote for Mulberry Street drainage project not to exceed \$74,000.00 to be paid out of 01-200-57860. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Old business –

- New dog pound building discussed.
- Health and wellness center town hall meetings 7 p.m. Tuesday 10/23 at the Community Building and 3 p.m. Sunday 10/28 at the Columbus High School cafeteria.
- Fire department shower remodel – bids needed.
- Leaf program discussed. Pickup schedule by ward will be set and announced to the public.
- Community Building repairs and replacement of tables and chairs discussed.
- Cleaning and possible janitor position reviewed.

New business –

- None.

Mayor –

- Reminder of health and wellness center town hall meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday 10/23 at the Community Building and 3 p.m. Sunday 10/28 at the Columbus High School cafeteria.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a 10-minute executive session at 7:17 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, Administrator, Mayor, Attorney, Bennett, Daniels and Chancellor in attendance. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:27 P.M.
NO ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNMENT

Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Meetings:
Economic Development
Wednesday 10/17/2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk