

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 16, 2017
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met October 16, 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, John Paradee, Drew Richards and Grant Spieth. Council members absent: Sammie Opela and Alvin Patterson.

Pastor Shin Hyo Lee of the First United Methodist Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Ron Johnson offered prayer for Baxter and former Columbus Police Officer Jimmy Hamilton who was injured recently in the line of duty.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of October 2, 2017 council meeting minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 17-446 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

City Treasurer Report –

-Did not print out new report today. Cash balances are stable/steady.

City Superintendent Report –

- Columbus Day set up/take down activities went well. Had several compliments on the flowers and decorations downtown this year.
- Pool painters finished up Friday evening. Had a couple of additions to the original quote. Painted splash pad fixtures \$837; caulking under stainless steel guttering \$3,574.
- Will be locking cemetery gates and City Park restrooms at 4:00 p.m. on Halloween.
- Will be picking up brush next week, especially in the SW part of town. Have several limbs down from a previous wind event.
- Mulberry drainage project – surveyor has suggested we get title search on the properties.
- Street sweeper and mosquito spraying will be on regular schedule.
- Will be installing more of the new two-inch water meters this week.
- Repaired small leak on Oak Street today.

BID CEMETERY PAVING PROJECT

Spieth moved to allow City Superintendent to go out for bids on concreting the City Cemetery Chapel parking area. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

-Cemetery water line update. City Attorney will contact representative for the family who we are requesting an easement from to determine status of the project and what is needed to move forward with the project.

City Clerk –

- Introduced newly crowned Miss Columbus Morgan Cassidy. Read Thank You note from Ms. Cassidy thanking the council for the scholarship donated by the City.
- Empire District gave away 400 redbud and papaw tree seedlings from their Columbus Day booth. Volunteers helped 35 residents get online and sign up for larger trees that will be delivered November 17 at the City Park. There are approximately 190 trees remaining that can be claimed by city residents until the end of the month. Anyone with questions or needing help with the process may contact City Hall.
- Halloween Safe Walk, October 31 on the Square. Council agreed to block Kansas, Pine and Pennsylvania Streets from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. for the festivities.
- Blood Drive Monday October 23 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building. Donation numbers are down – please consider giving blood if possible.
- Clerk Academy November 16-17 in Wichita.
- LMI Survey will take place October 23-28. Training for volunteers will be 6 p.m. October 17 & 19 at City Hall. Volunteers only need to attend one training session.

Police Lieutenant –

- Condemned property at 134 North Parmenter has been removed by the property owner.
- Condemned property at 307 North Magnolia has been removed by the property owner.

Fire Chief –

- Fire department not represented at the meeting.

City Attorney-

- Downtown Rehabilitation Grant letter and application draft for Council consideration. Suggestions made, will have revisions for next council meeting.

POLICE OFFICER II – *CORIE BROWN*

Dunlap moved to approve Corie Brown for the position of Police Officer II with a starting wage of \$15.00 per hour. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

FIRE RELIEF DRIVER – *CODY BURTON*

Dunlap moved to approve Cody Burton for the position of Fire Relief Driver with a starting wage of \$10.03 per hour providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Burton. Motion carried 7-0-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a ten-minute executive session at 7:26 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss an employment issue with the Council, Mayor, Attorney, City Superintendent, City Clerk and Police Lieutenant in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion.

Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:36 P.M.
NO ACTION TAKEN

ADVERTISE METER READER POSITION

Dunlap moved to advertise the Meter Reader position in house and externally for two weeks. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION AND MATCHING GRANT

Richards moved to approve Commercial Property Rehabilitation Matching Grant for Natalie's Studio of Dance as presented. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Dunlap. Motion carried 7-0-1.

PURCHASE SANITATION TRUCK

Burton moved to approve Downing Sales sanitation truck bid of \$89,750 which includes back up camera purchase and trade in of 2005 Freightliner unit, to be paid out of garbage reserve fund. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

PURCHASE CAPITAL PROJECT SOFTWARE

Spieth moved to purchase PlanIt! Capital Project Software program to be paid out of Administration Capital Reserve. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Old Business-

- None.

New Business –

- Welcome to Columbus signs need update. City Superintendent presented idea for design contest.

ADJOURNMENT

Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Meetings:

Property/Pool/Parks

Wednesday 10/18/2017 @ 5:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk