

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met October 1, 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, Drew Richards. Council member absent: None.

Pastor Lindsey Clarke of the United Methodist Church provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of September 17, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-473 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Richards. Motion carried 9-0-1.

City Treasurer Report –

-I have September report available not able to get month end numbers in time for the council packets. Everything is solid.

Interim City Superintendent Report –

- Fall cleanup completed.
- Staff t-shirts are in.
- Kansas Street water line bore complete.
- Plan to purchase new cemetery lawn mower - \$5,809.60 from Lambert Tractor in Riverton, Kansas.
- Received lift station pump, plan for installation this week.
- Walnut Street closed tomorrow (10/2) from Kansas to Indiana for Health Department Drive thru Flu Clinic.
- Crews getting things ready for Columbus Day events this weekend.
- Bennett was asked about street paving project originally planned to start this week. He will get in touch with Teeter's and check on scheduling.

City Clerk Report –

- Columbus Day weekend coming up as Mr. Bennett mentioned. Lots of visitors will be in town, trying to get the town spruced up and ready. There will be a parade, air balloons, and lots of activities in town, come down and take part.
- City offices will be closed Monday, October 8 in observance of Columbus Day.
- I will be out of the office Thursday morning for a KPERS workshop in Pittsburg. KPERS is the retirement program for City employees.
- Attorney Wright and I will be attending a payroll seminar in Pittsburg next Tuesday October 10. Training will cover FMLA, FLSA guidelines and other important topics. Hope to come back with a lot of useful information.

-Council cybersecurity training opportunity through the League in Independence Friday November 2. Contact me to register or if you would like additional information.

Police Chief Report –

-2014 Dodge Charger purchased from the Kansas Highway Patrol was picked up on September 20 and is in service.

-New 2019 Charger has been shipped and we are expecting delivery any time.

-Plan to take 2013 Impala out of service after Columbus Day, would like to auction on Purple Wave auction site.

Fire Chief Report-

(Assistant Fire Chief Steve Burton in attendance for department.)

-Burton asked for firetruck update. Mayor noted last report showed work being done with the chassis, not sure how far along they are.

-Possible grant opportunity for the fire bay exhaust system.

-Working on storm/fire siren bid for the grant.

City Attorney Report –

-Nothing in tonight's packet for consideration- let me know if I am needed for any upcoming meetings.

MULBERRY STORM WATER PROJECT

Paradee moved to proceed with the Mulberry Street storm water project South of Mulberry Street between Minnesota Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue. The project would include reconstruction of the storm water system from the Mulberry Street bridge culvert to the south edge of the current side walk (underground). Then construction of a concrete open top storm water ditch approximately 100 feet long X 5-foot-wide flowing south. The old storm water ditch between the street and garage will be dug up and backfilled. The area around the east garage will be backfilled with a concrete material to prevent further erosion. Professional Engineering Consultants (P.E.C.) would be retained to survey, engineer, and place the project out for bid. Burton seconded the motion.

Motion and second rescinded before a vote.

Old business –

-None.

New business –

-None.

Mayor –

- Special meeting reminder Monday October 8 at 6:30 p.m.

-Spoke with Ms. Rivas our new City Administrator last Friday. She is excited and eager to get started to work. She is familiar with our accounting/billing software, hopefully will be easy transition and she may be able to teach us more about some of the underused modules.

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

Water/Sewer

Monday 10/09/2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Monday 10/09/2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

Personnel

Monday 10/09/201/8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk