

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2018
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met September 17, 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.

Jay Evans of Center Christian Church provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of September 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-472 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

VISITOR – LIZ SIMPSON -COLUMBUS PROJECT

Liz Simpson spoke to the council about holding another Farmer's Market event downtown on the square in conjunction with the CUHS Booster Club Pep Rally from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday, September 27, same location as previous events.

CLOSE STREET – FARMERS MARKET

Lucian moved to close Kansas Street from Pine Street to Elm Street Thursday, September 27 to allow for the farmers market event and CUHS Booster Club pep rally. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Simpson commented soccer fields at Crossland Park are being utilized for games, approximately 160 kids are registered for the fall. Parking, restrooms and concession plans discussed. It was agreed the Columbus Recreation Commission and the Property/ Pools/Parks committee should have a joint meeting to discuss future development.

City Treasurer Report –

-Everything remains stable. Certificate of deposit recently renewed at 2 tenths higher interest rate than before.

Interim City Superintendent Report –

-Fall cleanup started today.
-Health Department plans to hold a drive thru flu clinic Tuesday, October 2 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. would like permission to close street during that time.

CLOSE STREET FOR FLU CLINIC

Opela moved to close Walnut Street from Kansas to Indiana, Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to allow Cherokee County Health Department to conduct a drive through

flu clinic. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

-Have all the easements for the Mulberry drainage project. Need a street committee meeting to discuss plan.

-Teeters paving schedule moved out a week, projects fell behind due to weather delays. Plan to start our project the first week of October.

-Overgrown drainage ditches discussed. Noted these belong to the property owner. Any service we do for one will need to be offered to all.

-Weed and mowing notices reviewed.

City Clerk Report –

-Mr. Bennett mentioned fall cleanup started today and will go through Friday, September 28. Crews will spend 2 days in each ward. Residents may call City Hall to find out what ward they are in and service days.

-Ag Expo Thursday, September 20 beginning at 9 a.m. at the 4-H Building. Will have workshops, vendors and lunch will be available. Public invited, not just for farmers.

-Chamber of Commerce Third Thursday Coffee will be held September 20 from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. at the 4-H Building before the Ag Expo.

-POW/MIA Watchfire Friday, September 21 beginning at 6 p.m. at the VFW Park on West Country Road.

- Mr. Bennett, Chief Daniels and myself will be attending KMIT workshop Thursday, September 27 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. in Fort Scott. KMIT is our work comp insurance provider.

-Miss Columbus banquet and pageant next Saturday, September 29 at the High School. Banquet is at 5 p.m., pageant starts at 7 p.m. Deadline to register for the banquet is this Friday at noon through Jean Pritchett at the Chamber Office.

-Community Day of Service Monday, October 1. Civic groups, youth groups and local students will be working to get the City polished before Columbus Day weekend. If you have a few minutes or a few hours lend a hand; pull a weed, pickup some trash to help make the City look nice for our guests.

-Last call for the League of Kansas Municipalities annual conference over Columbus Day weekend in Topeka. I still have a room available if anyone would like to attend.

Police Chief Report –

-Update on 1121 West Oak property involved in a structure fire July 3. Owner has contracted Mayberry Construction to repair the residence they are waiting on the insurance claim to be processed.

-Have 5 demolition and cleanup quotes from B-3 Construction for the condemnations previously approved by the council. As provided at previous council meeting structure contents will be hauled to the landfill by B-3 and tonnage fee charged to the City.

*622 West Elm: \$2,400 plus tonnage.

APPROVE B-3 QUOTE – 622 WEST ELM

Opela moved to approve B-3 Construction quote of \$2,400.00 plus tonnage for demolition and cleanup of property at 622 West Elm. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

*301 South Delaware: \$3,000.

APPROVE B-3 QUOTE – 301 SOUTH DELAWARE

Burton moved to approve B-3 Construction quote of \$3,000 for demolition and cleanup of property at 301 South Delaware. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

*221 North Vermont: \$3,000 plus tonnage

APPROVE B-3 QUOTE – 221 NORTH VERMONT

Opela moved to approve B-3 Construction quote of \$3,000 plus tonnage for demolition and cleanup of property at 221 North Vermont. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

*608 East Walnut: \$3,400 plus tonnage.

APPROVE B-3 QUOTE – 608 EAST WALNUT

Opela moved to approve B-3 Construction quote of \$3,400 plus tonnage for demolition and cleanup of property at 608 East Walnut. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

*310 South Minnesota

APPROVE B-3 QUOTE – 310 SOUTH MINNESOTA

Burton moved to approve B-3 Construction quote of \$6,300 plus tonnage for demolition and cleanup of property at 310 South Minnesota. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

-Not sure of exact date for demolitions to begin, feel confident they will be completed before the end of the year.

Mayor asked City Attorney to gather information about developing a Land Bank. Reporter Larry Hiatt informed those present Janet Miller with the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation is currently developing a Land Bank for Cherokee County and may have useful information.

Fire Chief Report-

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

-Fire Department computer is down, have ordered a new one through Stronghold Data, Joplin, Missouri.

-Fire Prevention Week coming up.

-Firetruck update: waiting on chassis from manufacturer.

City Attorney Report –

-Draft ordinance in your packet stemming from recent water committee meeting dealing with water meter readings. Ordinance would allow customer to request payment plan through City Administrator or the water committee in the event of a reading error.

ORDINANCE 1426 – UTILITY BILL ARRANGEMENT

Bennett moved to approve Ordinance 1426 – “*An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Establishing Policy for Customers to Request Payment Arrangements for Water Meter Reading Errors.*” Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REJECT EXHAUST SYSTEM BID

Bennett moved to reject the fire bay exhaust system bid from Air Cleaning Technologies, Bonner Springs, Kansas. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

WAGE INCREASE – KELLY WELLS

Opela moved to approve pay increase for Kelly Wells, Utility Billing Clerk, to \$11.60 per hour effective pay period beginning 09/09/2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

WAGE INCREASE – BART HAMILTON

Opela moved to approve pay increase for Bart Hamilton, Laborer, to \$10.23 per hour effective pay period beginning 09/09/2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

WAGE INCREASE – KATHERINE PARADEE

Opela moved to approve pay increase for Katherine Paradee, Laborer, to \$10.23 per hour effective pay period beginning 09/09/2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Paradee. Motion carried 8-0-1.

WAGE INCREASE – TYLER HOBSON

Opela moved to approve pay increase for Tyler Hobson, Sanitation Lead Man, to \$12.53 per hour effective pay period beginning 10/07/2018. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Opela moved to approve fire department job descriptions as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

DISMISS EMPLOYEE – ALAN GARMANY

Opela moved to dismiss Alan Garmany, Meter Reader, for just cause not in good standing. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

PURCHASE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

Dunlap moved to allow Police Department to purchase retired Dodge Charger from the Kansas Highway Patrol in the amount of \$15,500 to be paid out of the police department equipment reserve fund. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

PURCHASE WATER METERS

Burton moved to approve digital water meter purchase as quoted from DC&B Supply, Pratt, Kansas in the amount of \$20,453.00 to be paid out of water reserves. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

BORE WATER LINE – SOUTH KANSAS

Burton moved to approve CDL, Pittsburg, Kansas bore quote not to exceed \$2,00 to be paid out of water contracted services. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: Bennett, Burton. Abstain: Opela. Motion carried 6-2-1.

Old business –

- Dog pound. Need plans before bid. Suggested to contact Mr. Houser at Crossland Construction for assistance.
- Code Book codification. Several options. Will need committee or group to assist with project.
- Website will be renewing first of the year. Need to act soon if you are wanting to do something different.
- Drawing will be Friday, September 28 from employee list for the hot air balloon ride over Columbus Day weekend.
- Thank you to Scott Bennett and the public works department for all they are getting done despite being short-handed.

New business –

- None.

Mayor –

- Have been asked to relocate time capsule to City Hall due to water issue. Will be placed October 6 as part of the Columbus Day festivities.

TIME CAPSULE

Opela moved to allow the new time capsule to be place in front of City Hall. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Opela called for a fifteen-minute executive session at 7:49 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney/client relationship to discuss a

personnel matter with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney and Chief of Police in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:04 P.M.

NO ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Meetings:

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Monday 9/24/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk