

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 4, 2018  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met September 4, 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 and Drew Richards. Council member absent: None.

Margaret Feland, representing Central Christian Church, provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of August 20, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2018 Condemnation Hearing Meeting Minutes and Appropriation Ordinance 18-471 as presented. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

**City Treasurer Report –**

-City is in good shape financially, nothing new to report.

**City Superintendent Report –**

-Crews have been milling streets getting ready for overlay. Overlay is scheduled for the last week of September.

-Itron electronic meter reading system is up and running.

-Landfill fees are increasing to \$29.78 plus fees effective 9/30/2018.

-Permission to purchase t-shirts for all public works employees.

**PURCHASE T-SHIRTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES**

Burton moved to allow Acting City Superintendent to purchase T-shirts for all Public Works employees from Scotten Custom Graphics in the amount of \$918.00. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None.

**City Clerk Report –**

(Assistant City Clerk Judi Mogle in attendance for City Clerk)

-Correction to the 8/20/2018 minutes, under the Police Chief Report, regarding the date for the First Responder and Veteran's Recognition Picnic has been corrected.

-League of Kansas Municipalities MTI training opportunity, Managing Municipal Services, will be held in Andover, KS on 9/21/2018.

-Cherokee County Economic Development will hold an ice cream social 9/12/2018 at the Monarch Pharmacy in Baxter Springs from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

-Senator Jerry Moran will be at the Columbus Farm Bureau office on 9/15/2018 for a town hall meeting from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

- Columbus Chamber of Commerce AG Expo will be held 9/20/2018 at the 4-H building from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Fall Clean-up reminder: Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>
- Request for a Personnel committee meeting to review an employee evaluation.
- Received renewal contract from Advance Life Insurance Co. This policy is provided to full-time employees and is paid by the city.

**ADVANCE LIFE INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Opela moved to approved renewal contract from Advance Life Insurance Company at \$6.40 per month, per full-time employee, for \$20,000.00 worth of coverage. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0

**Police Chief Report –**

- Invitation to attend the First Responder’s and Veteran’s Recognition Picnic at the City Park on Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Has received several calls about 1121 W. Oak regarding clean-up after house fire. Contacted owner and insurance company and was ensured that it would be taken care of. Will keep council updated with any new information.

**Fire Chief Report-**

- (Assistant Fire Chief Steve Burton in attendance for department.)
- Getting ready for Columbus Days.
  - Fire trailer was sold.

**City Attorney Report –**

- City Attorney presented five (5) condemnation resolutions to council.
- Executive Session requested for later in the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 539**

Opela moved to pass Resolution 539; *A Resolution finding that the structures located at 622 W. Elm Street, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas are unsafe and dangerous, and directing that the structures be removed and the premises made safe and secure.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0

**RESOLUTION 540**

Opela moved to pass Resolution 540; *A Resolution finding that the structures located at 221 N. Vermont Avenue Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas are unsafe and dangerous, and directing that the structures be removed and the premises made safe and secure.* Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0

**RESOLUTION 541**

Opela moved to pass Resolution 541; *A Resolution finding that the structures located at 608 E. Walnut Street Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas are unsafe and dangerous, and directing that the structures be removed and the premises made safe and secure.* Burton seconded the

motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0

#### **RESOLUTION 542**

Opela moved to pass Resolution 542; *A Resolution finding that the structures located at 310 S. Minnesota Street Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas are unsafe and dangerous, and directing that the structures be removed and the premises made safe and secure.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0

#### **RESOLUTION 543**

Opela moved to pass Resolution 543; *A Resolution finding that the structures located at 301 S. Delaware Avenue Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas are unsafe and dangerous, and directing that the structures be removed and the premises made safe and secure.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0

Pryor informed council that there will be a volunteer group cleaning veteran headstones at the city cemetery.

#### **COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION GRANT REIMBURSEMENT**

Lucian moved to approve Columbus Veterinary Clinic Commercial Rehabilitation Grant reimbursement in the amount of \$5,000.00. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Mayor informed council that only one bid was received for an exhaust system in the fire department. Bid is from Air Clean Tech in the amount of \$51,025.00. No decision made, referred back to committee.

#### **HIRE POLICE OFFICER I**

Opela moved to hire Christopher Gurney for the position of Police Officer I with starting wage of \$14.29 per hour. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

#### **TEDLOCK RESIGNATION**

Opela moved to accept the resignation from Jaden Tedlock, dated 8/27/2018, in good standing. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0

#### **INTERIM FIRE LEAD MAN**

Opela moved to re-assign Steven P. Burton to Interim Lead Man position with the fire department starting 9/11/2018 at \$13.03 per hour. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Burton, Dunlap. Motion carried: 8-0-2

## **SIDEWALK RENOVATION**

Paradee moved to approve the application for sidewalk renovation at 317 S. Minnesota, not to exceed \$1875.00. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0

## **SIDEWALK RENOVATION**

Paradee moved to approve the application for sidewalk renovation at 325 N. Minnesota, not to exceed \$1875.00. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0

## **OLD BUSINESS**

-None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

-None

## **MAYOR**

-Titan Booster Club looking for sponsors. Hasn't been done in the past and may set precedent for other organizations.

-Request to have a new time capsule at city hall instead of at county courthouse. No cost to the city other than possibly capping existing site at courthouse.

-The Lions Club is sponsoring a circus at the Legion Fairgrounds Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Opela called for a fifteen-minute executive session at 7:39 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney/client relationship to discuss personnel issues, with the Council, Mayor and City Attorney in attendance. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

## **REGULAR SESSION 7:54 P.M.**

### **GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

Opela moved to approve mayor's appointment of Jason Daniels to Grievance Committee. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Dunlap. Motion carried: 9-0-1

### **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER**

Opela moved to approve Mayor's appointment of Jaden Tedlock as a Volunteer Firefighter. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Opela called for a fifteen -minute executive session at 8:00 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss a discipline issues with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney and Jason Daniels in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 8:15 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Opela called for a ten -minute executive session at 8:18 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss a discipline issues with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney and Jason Daniels in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 8:28 P.M.**

No Action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Pryor, Richards. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

**Meetings:**

**Police & License**

**Thursday 9/6/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Fire**

**Wednesday 9/12/2018 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Water & Sewer**

**Thursday 9/13/2018 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Personnel**

**Thursday 9/13/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.**

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*Judi Mogle, Asst. City Clerk*