

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2020
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met September 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members physically present: Connie Bennett, John Brassart, Jerri Burton, Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Jan Houser, Sammie Opela, Tom Pryor. Council members present by zoom: Sean Gilmore and Nate Long. Council members absent: None.

Curt Zahm representing Center Christian Church led the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance 20-525 as presented. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Mayor Report –

-Nothing to report.

City Administrator Report-

- Report in your council packet.

-Administration staff have been busy moving offices with assistance from the Fire Department staff this past week.

-The City received a check today for SPARK funds from the County.

City Treasurer Report

-Nothing to report.

City Clerk Report –

-LKM Virtual Conference reminder. Deadline to register is Friday 9/25, we have four people signed up so far. The City is allowed two voting delegates and two alternates to represent the City at the business meeting segment of the conference.

LKM VOTING DELEGATES

Opela moved to approve Mayor Grant Spieth and City Clerk Cherri Chancellor as voting delegates for the 2020 LKM annual conference. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

LKM VOTING DELEGATE ALTERNATES

Opela moved to approve City Administrator Daniela Rivas and Community Development Coordinator Jake Letner as alternate voting delegates for the 2020 LKM annual conference. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Assistant City Clerk Report –

-New City website launch presentation. Showcased ease of use and features of website, highlighting bill pay options, municipal code, forms, how to and City amenities.

Community Development Coordinator –

-BCBS Pathways power point presentation providing project overview and potential program focus. Noted up to \$300,000 is available over the next for years through this endeavor.

Police Chief Report –

-Officer Arlo Lewke will report to KLETC for training Monday 9/28 with graduation scheduled for 02/22/2021.

-Preparing for Columbus Day activities.

-Virtual municipal court last Monday for first appearances. We had a low initial turnout for our first attempt with this technology, gives us something to build on.

-Intersection of High School Street and Country Road as well as other areas will be monitored mornings and afternoons to oversee the increased foot/bike traffic going to and from school during these times.

Fire Chief Report –

- 21 runs since last council meeting, 202 this year to date.

- Fire prevention week October 5. Staff will be going to Park and Highland elementary schools for safety programs.

-Started painting fire hydrants in Ward 1 last week / hydrant testing will start tomorrow.

-Staff painted poles in front of fire bay red to make them more visible.

City Attorney Report –

-None.

APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Opela moved to approve Utility Technician, Property & Parks Laborer, Utility Operator and Property & Parks Operator job descriptions as amended. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: Bennett, Brassart, Burton. Motion carried 7-3.

Old Business –

1. Consider revised Resolution 599 setting condemnation hearing date for 419 South Delaware.

Houser moved to adopt revised Resolution 599 setting a condemnation hearing date for 419 South Delaware. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: Long. Motion carried 9-1.

New Business –

1. Consider Safe Routes to School Agreement with BG Consultants. Ms. Rivas noted the City applied for and received a \$12,000 grant for Phase 1 of the SRTS project leaving the City and the Columbus Recreation Commission paying \$1,500 each towards the research portion of the project.

Burton moved to approve Safe Routes to School Agreement with BG Consultants. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Administrator Rivas noted with the office remodel and update there are items no longer needed and asked permission to sell excess furniture. Houser moved to allow the City to sell excess furniture and equipment as listed. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Farstvedt. Motion carried 9-0-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

Land Bank

Monday September 28, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Personnel

Tuesday September 29, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

Property/Pool/Parks

Tuesday September 29, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Thursday October 1, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk