

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2020
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met December 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members physically present: John Brassart, Jerri Burton, Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Jan Houser, Nate Long, Sammie Opela, Tom Pryor. Council members present by zoom: Sean Gilmore. Council members absent: Connie Bennett.

Council member Jan Houser provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Burton moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance 20-530, November 2, 2020 council meeting minutes, November 16, 2020 council meeting minutes, November 2020 Personnel Report and resignations of Police Officer Antonio Petree and Police Officer Brandon Malle as presented. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

It was agreed to move New Business item #1 up on the agenda.

Rural Water District #3 representative Mr. Jon Houser spoke to the Governing Body about the district's easement request on property out by the Farmer Coop Agronomy Center. It was noted this is a common practice and is needed to provide water service to customers in the area.

EASEMENT – RWD#3

Houser moved to approve easement for Rural Water District #3 on property near the Farmer Coop Agronomy Center as presented. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Mayor Report –

- Mayor Spieth noted 2020 budget amendment hearing information will be discussed later in the meeting.
- City Administrator Rivas is unable to attend tonight's meeting. Memo in council packets provides update on City Hall and PD remodel projects.
- Four weeks of Christmas project for City staff.
- Noted move to digital council packets beginning January 2021.

City Administrator Report-

- Unable to attend. Memo in council packet.

City Treasurer Report

- Report included in council packets.

City Clerk Report –

- Reminder that LKM Regional Legislative meetings begin next week. These are virtual offerings replacing the Regional Suppers providing Kansas legislative updates from League of Kansas Municipality staff.

-Blood drive Monday December 14 at the Columbus Community Building from 1p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

-Expanding on Ms. Rivas’ memo, HR (Erin/Ms. Rivas) put together an employee appreciation project built around the holiday bonus approved by council. I have heard lots of good feedback on the project.

Community Development Coordinator Report –

-Will cover budget amendment discussion under New Business.

Police Chief Report –

-Provided B3 Construction demolition quotes for council consideration:

419 South Delaware	\$2,000
533 West Country Road	\$2,600
302 North Kansas	\$3,300

APPROVE B3 QUOTE – 419 SOUTH DELAWARE

Burton moved to approve B3 Construction quote of \$2,000 for demolition and cleanup of property at 419 South Delaware. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: Burton. Motion carried 8-1.

APPROVE B3 QUOTE – 533 WEST COUNTRY ROAD

Burton moved to approve B3 Construction quote of \$2,600 for demolition and cleanup of property at 533 West Country Road. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

APPROVE B3 QUOTE – 302 NORTH KANSAS

Houser moved to approve B3 Construction quote of \$3,300 for demolition and cleanup of property at 302 North Kansas. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Fire Chief Report –

-34 calls since the last council meeting, 323 year to date.

-Trucks are updated and back in service with new equipment from Wildland grant funds received earlier this year.

-Working on a couple of grants to be submitted later this month.

-Department will be taking part in a shop with a firefighter project with area children between December 10 and December 21. Firefighters will adopt children from the City’s Angel Tree and take them shopping at local retailers with donations received from the community.

Property & Parks Director Report –

-Leaf pick up program began today; crews will be working two days in each ward similar to the Spring and Fall Clean up programs.

City Attorney Report –
-Nothing at this time.

HIRE UTILITY DIRECTOR – SCOTT BENNETT

Opela moved to approve Scott Bennett for the FLSA exempt position of Utility Director at an annual salary of \$50,000. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

HOLIDAY BONUS – PART TIME EMPLOYEES

Opela moved to approve 2020 holiday bonus for active part time City employees, \$100 for those with 1-99 hours of service in 2020 and \$200 for those with 100 hours of more of service in 2020. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: Motion carried 9-0.

SALARY INCREASE – CITY ADMINISTRATOR DANIELA RIVAS

Opela moved to approve a 3% salary increase for City Administrator Daniela Rivas based on her annual evaluation retro to October 15, 2020. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Old Business –

1. **Consider 2020 additional transfers and reserve fund re-allocation.** Mayor Spieth referred to the report in council packets showing the following proposed transfers:

	<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>		<u>Purpose</u>
\$10,000	GF Streets	01-200-57991	Streets CIP	22-000-45990	2021 curb replacement
\$20,000	GF Police	01-700-57991	Cap Equip Police	21-000-45990	future police vehicle
\$20,000	GF Property	01-500-57991	Cap Imp Prop	20-000-45990	property maintenance
\$2,500	GF AC	01-750-57991	Cap Equip. AC	21-000-45990	future AC vehicle
\$10,000	GF Fire	01-900-57991	Cap Equip Fire	21-000-45990	future fire apparatus

2020 Reserve fund re-assignment

	<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>
\$2,794.72	Admin Code Book Recodification (20)		
\$2,539.01	Admin Website update (20)		
\$5,333.73	Property City Hall remodel (20)		
\$5,130.10	2019 Cleaning Contract (21)		
\$5,130.10	Future property maintenance (20)		

Pryor moved to approve 2020 additional transfers and reserve fund re-allocations as presented. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

New Business –

2. **Consider setting Budget Amendment Public Hearing for December 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

Pryor moved to approve budget amendment public hearing date of December 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Lone, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Farstvedt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Brassart, Burton, Doherty, Farstvedt, Gilmore, Houser, Long, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Meetings:

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Thursday December 10, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

Sanitation

Monday December 14, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk