

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 19, 2021  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met January 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Jan Houser, Nate Long, Tom Pryor. Council members absent: None.

Toni Spieth representing the Presbyterian Church provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

-January 11 work session minutes were pulled from the consent agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Houser moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance 20-534, Appropriations Ordinance 21-535, January 4, 2021 council meeting minutes and Police Officer Bryan Lagow resignation as presented. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

It was noted City Attorney Barbara Wright was not included as staff present in the January 11 work session minutes nor being included in the executive session.

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Houser moved to approve the January 11, 2021 work session minutes as amended. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Mayor Report –**

- Appointed City Administrator Daniela Rivas and Utility Director Scott Bennett as City Spring River Water Board representative and alternate for the City of Columbus.

**SPRING RIVER BOARD REPRESENTATIVES – Daniela Rivas, Scott Bennett**

Houser moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Daniela Rivas and Scott Bennett to the Spring River Water Board as City of Columbus representative and alternate. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

-Appointed Utility Director Scott Bennett and City Administrator Daniela Rivas as Bone Creek Water Board representative and alternate for the City of Columbus.

**BONE CREEK BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – Scott Bennett, Daniela Rivas**

Houser moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Scott Bennett and Daniela Rivas to the Bone Creek Water Board as City of Columbus representative and alternate. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

-Appointed Property/Parks Director Randy Coble as the City Flood Plain Manager.

**FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER – Randy Coble**

Doherty moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Randy Coble as the Flood Plain Manager for the City of Columbus. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Rivas noted council laptops are in. Training will take place at next week’s work session.

**New Business –**

**8.3(e) Review condemnation extension for 415 South Indiana.**

Property located at 415 South Indiana was given a condemnation extension at the October 5, 2020 council meeting with a progress review scheduled for January 19, 2021. Code Enforcement Officer Gary Holt informed the council the requested improvements have been completed and recommended removing the property from the condemnation list. Houser moved to remove property located at 415 South Indiana from the condemnation list. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**8.1(a) Discussion City annexation.** City Administrator Rivas spoke on behalf of a property owner on North High School Street asking for water and sewer to be made available to his property as part of the upcoming High School Street project. Rivas noted this property is currently not inside the City limits. The landowner has plans to annex into the City and build on the site in the future and wishes to have City sewer and water service at that time. Installing the pipe and manholes during the current revamp project would prevent tearing up High School Street for connection at a later date. The owner did not give an exact timeline for construction or annexation. PEC, the engineer for the High School Street project needs to know by Friday if the City would like to add an addendum to the project bid proposal. Doherty moved to direct PEC to include water and sewer addendum in the High School Street Project bid. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Houser moved to have City Attorney draw up annexation agreement between the City and property owner of 501 North High School, that states property annexation process will begin by June 1, 2022. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Farstvedt moved to have City Attorney draw up annexation agreement between the City and property owner of 501 North High School, that states property annexation process will begin by December 1, 2022. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Long. Motion carried 4-0-1.

**8.1(b) Consider forgiving City assessments against property at 201 East Maple providing parcel is donated to the Columbus Land Bank.** Houser moved to forgive City assessments against property at 201 East Maple providing the parcel is donated to the Columbus Land Bank. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**8.2(a) Consider encumbering Parks Capital Equipment Reserve Funds (21) for the purchase of Park tables and benches totaling \$3,245.00.** Houser moved to approve encumbering Park Capital Equipment Reserve Funds (21) for the purchase of Park tables and benches totaling \$3,245.00. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**8.3(a) Consider purchase of 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Animal Control Vehicle in the amount of \$22,162.95 from Jay Hatfield Chevrolet.** Doherty moved to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Animal Control vehicle in the amount of \$22,162.95 from Jay Hatfield Chevrolet. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**8.3(b) Consider transfer of Animal Control Department 2015 Chevrolet Silverado to City Parks department and a transfer of \$7,972 from Fund 21-Parks Equipment Reserve to Fund 21-ACO Equipment Reserve with proceeds from the sale of the Parks truck (2001 Ford Ranger) to be deposited into the Parks Equipment Reserves.** Houser moved to approve the transfer of current Animal Control 2015 Chevrolet Silverado to the City Parks department and to transfer \$7,972 from Fund 21- parks Equipment Reserve to Fund 21-ACO Equipment Reserve and the proceeds from the sale of the Parks truck (2001 Ford Ranger) to be deposited into the Parks Equipment Reserves. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**8.3(c) Consider transfer of Fire department 1986 Chevy brush truck to Street department to be repurposed as City salt truck and a transfer of \$4,500 from Fund 22 Street Reserve-vehicle replacement to Fund 21-Fire Department Reserve Fund – command vehicle replacement.** Houser moved to approve the transfer of Fire department 1986 Chevy brush truck to the Street department to be repurposed as the City salt truck and a transfer of \$4,500 from Fund 22 Street Reserve – vehicle replacement to Fund 21 – Fire Department Reserve fund – command vehicle replacement. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**8.3(d) Consider approval of the sale of a skid unit, tank, pump and two old water tanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Due Emergency Solutions of Bartlett, Kansas for \$4,000 with the proceeds to be deposited into Fund 21-Fire department reserve fund- command vehicle replacement.** Doherty moved to approve the sale of a skid unit, tank, pump and two old water tanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Due Emergency Solutions of Bartlett, Kansas for \$4,000 with the proceeds to be deposited into Fund 21-Fire department reserve fund – command vehicle replacement. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**8.4(a) Consider approval of PEC contract for civil engineering of 2022 CCLIP grant project, \$36,000 to be paid out of Fund 23-Street Reserves-Project CCLIP 2022.** Houser moved to approve the PEC contract for civil engineering of 2022 CCLIP grant project with \$36,000 to be paid out of Fund 23-Street Reserves-Project CCLIP 2022. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**8.5(a) Consider purchase of 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 single cab for Water Department Meter Reader vehicle in the amount of \$22,162.85 from Jay Hatfield Chevrolet to be paid out of Fund 23-Water Reserves.** Houser moved to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 single cab for the Water Department Meter Reader vehicle in the amount of \$22,162.85 from Jay Hatfield to be paid out of Fund 23-Water Reserves. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**8.5(b) Consider approval of transfer of \$5,000 from Fund 06-Water; Transfer to Equipment Reserve to Fund 23-Water Reserves with proceeds from the sale of the Meter Reader vehicle (2003 Ford Ranger) to be deposited into Fund 23-Water Reserves.** Houser moved to approve the transfer of \$5,000 from Fund 06-Water; Transfer to Equipment Reserve to Fund 23-Water Reserves with proceeds from the sale of the Meter Reader vehicle (2003 Ford Ranger) to be deposited into Fund 23-Water Reserves. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Farstvedt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Meetings:**

**Work session – TBD**

**Council Meeting**

**Monday February 1, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.**

  
Cherri Chancellor City Clerk

