

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2021
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met February 1, 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.

Jim Bowles representing the Calvary Baptist Church provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance 20-536, Appropriations Ordinance 21-537, January 19, 2021 council meeting minutes, and January 12, 2021 work session minutes. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mercy Hospital Columbus Administrator Angie Saporito and Mercy Hospital Board member Chris Green provided a 2020 recap for Mercy Hospital-Columbus. They spoke to the challenges the hospital faced during the COVID-19 pandemic including the loss of staff. The hospital was able to obtain grant monies which provided the opportunity to purchase Telemed cameras, a negative air pressure isolation room which is the only one in the county, equipment to do respirator fit tests, and other new equipment which will bring many opportunities to provide new and improved services and care to Columbus.

Director Lauren Dainty provided a 2020 review for the Columbus Public Library. She spoke to the new services the library offered including curbside pick-up, grab and go kits for children and how successful these programs were. They will continue these services throughout 2021. The library also received grant money and were able to purchase a 3D printer that will be available for use. They are following KDHE guidelines and will be able to slowly re-open as the numbers decrease in Cherokee County.

Mayor Report –

- Appointed David Dainty as Recreation Commission Board Member replacing Kara Smith.

RECREATION COMMISSION BOARD MEMBER – *David Dainty*

Houser moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of David Dainty to the Recreation Commission Board. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

-Appointed Garrett Evans as Volunteer Firefighter for the Columbus Fire Department.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER– *Garrett Evans*

Houser moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Garrett Evans as Volunteer Firefighter for the Columbus Fire Department. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS - Arlo Lewke KLETC Graduation

Chief Daniels informed the council of Officer Arlo Lewke's graduation from KLETC this Friday, February 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The graduation is available for viewing via youtube.com.

STAFF REPORTS – Sherriff's Department Donation

Chief Daniels informed the council that Sherriff David Groves and the Cherokee County Sherriff's Office donated six handheld preliminary breath test (PBT) devices to the Columbus Police Department at no charge. This donation will save the department over \$3,000.00 and will equip every patrol vehicle with this vital piece of equipment.

New Business –

8.1(a) Consider Resolution 605 determining the advisability of issuing taxable industrial revenue bonds (IRBs) for the purpose of financing the construction, renovation, and equipping of a commercial facility located in the City of Columbus; and authorizing execution of related documents. Sarah Steele from Gilmore & Bell, P.C. spoke to the benefits of industrial revenue bonds for the project to exempt them from paying sales tax/ use tax on materials used for construction. This will give the company the benefits, without holding the City responsible. Steele mentioned this Resolution does not include a tax abatement but one may be requested at a later time.

Doherty moved to adopt Resolution 605 and sign the industrial revenue bonds. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS – 2020 Financial Report

City Administrator Daniela Rivas provided the 2020 financial report for the City. Refer to financial report in the agenda packet. She will cover debt at the next council meeting.

New Business –

8.1(b) Consider adopting the Exterior Home Improvements Microgrant program. Houser moved to approve the Exterior Home Improvement Microgrant program and application with a \$5,000 budget on a one-year trial basis. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.1(c) Consider Cherokee County Economic Youth Entrepreneurship Fair sponsorship donation of \$500, to be paid out of 2021 budget, Fund 02-Economic Development. Houser moved to approve the \$500 sponsorship donation for the March 4th, 2021 Cherokee County Economic Youth Entrepreneurship Fair. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.1(d) Consider signing Pathways to a Healthy Kansas pledges necessary for receiving grants from BCBSKS. Houser moved to approve the signing of pledges for Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant money for projects that will be rolled out over the next three years. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.1(e) Consider Commercial Rehabilitation Grant Application for the Max Therapy Center in the amount of \$5,000 to be paid out of the 2021 Budget – Economic Development Fund once all application requirements have been met. Houser moved to approve the application for the Max Therapy Center in the amount of \$5,000 to be paid from the Economic Development Fund once they complete the building repairs listed. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.1(f) Consider Commercial Rehabilitation Grant Application for Brea’s Bakery Nook, LLC in the amount of \$1,721.38 to be paid out of the 2021 Budget – Economic Development Fund once all application requirements have been met. Doherty moved to approve the application for Brea’s Bakery Nook LLC in the amount of \$1,721.38 to be paid from the Economic Development Fund once they complete the building repairs listed. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.1(g) Consider Commercial Rehabilitation Grant Application for Mark & Cherri Chancellor in the amount of \$5,000 to be paid out of the 2021 Budget – Economic Development Fund once all application requirements have been met. Houser moved to approve the application for Mark & Cherri Chancellor in the amount of \$5,000 to be paid from the Economic Development Fund once they complete the building repairs listed. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.2(a) Consider adopting forms and associated fees for annexation and mobile home and manufactured home placement (\$100 each). Pryor moved to approve the forms and associated fees for annexation and mobile home and manufactured home placement in the amount of \$100 each. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.2(b) Consider mobile home placement application. Long moved to approve the application for mobile home placement. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.3(a) Consider sale of Fire Department’s command vehicle, a 2013 Chevrolet Impala, with proceeds split between the Police Department’s Reserve Funds (Fund 21 – Police Vehicle Reserves) and the Fire Department’s Reserve Funds (Fund 21 – Future Purchase of Fire Command Vehicle). Houser moved to approve the sale of 2013 Chevrolet Impala, splitting the profits between Fund 21 – Police Vehicle Reserves and Fund 21 – Future Purchase of Fire Command Vehicle. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.3(b) Consider A Resolution Repealing Resolution 596 finding that the structure located at 415 South Indiana Avenue, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas Parcel Number 011-136-13-0-30-29-009.00-0, described as, First Add Co, Block 11, Lot 5, has been repaired making the premises safe and secure. Doherty moved to approve the repeal of Resolution 596, stating 415 South Indiana Avenue, has been repaired making the premises safe and secure and replace it with Resolution 606. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.5(a) Consider replacing City lagoon fencing in the amount of \$23,068.04 to Flyin E. Brush Clipping to be paid out of the 2021 Budget – City Sewer Fund (07-Equipment Repair & Maintenance). Houser moved to approve the replacement of City lagoon fencing in the amount of \$23,068.04 to Flyin E. Brush Clipping to be paid from the City Sewer Fund (07-Equipment Repair & Maintenance). Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.5(b) Consider replacing the control panel at the City Shop’s lift station in the amount of \$11,150.00 to Hickman Environmental Services to be paid out of 2021 budget – city Sewer Fund (07-Equipment Repair & Maintenance). Doherty moved to approve the replacement of the City Shop’s lift station control panel in the amount of \$11,150.00 to Hickman Environmental Services to be paid from the City Sewer Fund (07-Equipment Repair & Maintenance). Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.5(c) Consider purchase of Schaefer poly carts in the amount of \$32,531.00 from Elliott Equipment Co. to be paid from the 2021 Budget, Sanitation Fund (05). Houser moved to approve the purchase of Schaefer poly carts in the amount of \$32,531.00 from Elliott Equipment Co. to be paid from the Sanitation Fund (05). Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.5(d) Consider accepting lowest bid in the amount of \$749,076.50 with Branco Enterprises, Inc. for the Highschool street Utility Work Renovation project to be paid with 2021 Highschool street financing. Houser moved to accept the bid with Branco Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$749,076.50 for the Highschool street Utility Work Renovation project to be paid with financing. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

8.5(e) Consider accepting lowest bid with Branco Enterprises, Inc. for the Highschool Street & Sidewalk project in the amount of \$1,144,868.50 to be paid with 2021 budget: Cash (Street Reserves) in the amount of \$544,868.50 and CDBG Grant Funds in the amount of \$600,000. Doherty moved to accept the bid with Branco Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,144,868.50 for the Highschool Street & Sidewalk project to be paid with Street Reserves in the amount of \$544,868.50 and CDBG Grant Funds in the amount of \$600,000. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

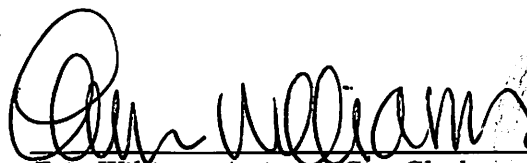
Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meetings:

Work session – TBD

Council Meeting

Tuesday February 16, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.


Erin Williams Assistant City Clerk

