

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

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met March 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.

Father Jeremy Huser representing St. Rose of Lima Parish provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance 20-541, Appropriations Ordinance 21-540, February 16, 2021 council meeting minutes, February 22, 2021 work session minutes, February 2021 Personnel Report, and Cereal Malt Beverage License for Pete's #52. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Columbus Chamber of Commerce Director Jean Pritchett provided a 2020 recap and information regarding 2021 advertising and activities planned for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. She spoke about where she primarily focuses her advertising efforts and cited that so far for 2021 Columbus will be featured in SEK Kansas Tourism, Travel KS, and in over 30 visitor's centers. The Columbus Day and Hot Air Balloon Regatta will be held October 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> this year. Fireworks for this year were \$10,000 and they will begin fundraising efforts beginning next week. The Annual Chamber Dinner will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and she informed the Council that the high school cancelled the Leadership Columbus class that was slated to begin this Spring.

Dan Walters with the Columbus Recreation Commission provided a 2020 review speaking to the goals they had going into the year, which was to broaden their outreach, broaden their scope and providing access to all children. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic they were still able to have successful season and averaged around 825 to 875 participants. He provided information regarding where their funding was allocated to citing paying the electric bill at the ballpark, state tournament support, Safe Routes to School, community Easter Egg Hunt, a Pittsburg State University Intern, basketball court renovations at City Park, Disc Golf bags for the rental at the library, a movie projector and screen for community events, school supply drive for virtual learning and providing scholarships for families. The new initiatives they plan to focus on for 2021 are moving the farmer's market to the Recreation Commission to provide SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks, KDHE waste tire grant for tables and benches for City parks, trails committee and a walking path project at Eddington Park. He spoke to assisting the City in securing a grant to assist in sidewalk construction for Safe Routes to School and the plan for the new trail location.

**Mayor Report –**

- Mayor Spieth discussed the City's annual donation of \$2,500 from the general operating fund to the Chamber of Commerce and proposed donating an additional \$1,500 to the Chamber of Commerce Firework Fund to be paid out of the transient guest tax. Doherty moved to approve a donation of

\$2,500 to the Chamber of Commerce and an additional \$1,500 for the firework fund. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**STAFF REPORTS – Commerce Bank sign donation – Ms. Rivas**

Administrator Rivas informed the council that Commerce Bank on behalf of the Commerce Foundation has donated \$4,000 to update the sign at the entrance of Columbus next to the Dollar General. She thanked Jane Rhinehart for her support on this project. A prototype of the new sign will be coming soon.

**New Business –**

**1.A. Consider Ordinance 1477 updating building moving bond and insurance requirements.**

Houser moved to approve Ordinance 1477 updating building moving bond and insurance requirements. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**1.B. Consider Resolution 607 Pathways trails.**

Community Development Coordinator Jake Letner stated he was hopeful for funding from Pathways for the trail around Eddington Park. Doherty moved to adopt Resolution 607 to accept Pathways funding for Eddington Park trails project. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**1.C. Consider Resolution 608 easement vacation request for True Value.**

Houser moved to adopt Resolution 608 approving easement vacation request for True Value. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**4.A. Consider Runway Lane street light request.**

Long moved to approve Runway Lane street light request. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

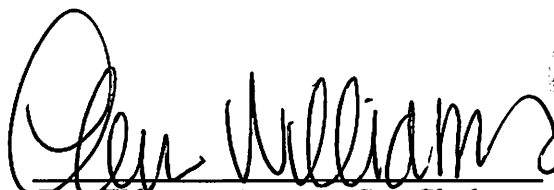
Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Meetings:**

**Work session – TBD**

**Council Meeting**

**Monday March 15, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.**

  
Erin Williams, Assistant City Clerk

