

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 5, 2021
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met April 5, 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.

Juanita Dobkins provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Spieth reminded everyone that side conversations are a distraction and asked that council address the chair (Mayor) before speaking so everyone will follow one conversation.

PUBLIC HEARING - *Alley Vacation Request North Kansas*

Mayor Spieth opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. stating that the hearing was called to give the public an opportunity to be heard in the matter of vacating an alley in the Lincoln Addition running north and south between the 600 blocks of Kansas and Pennsylvania Streets. Seeing none, Mayor Spieth closed the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVE ALLEY VACATION REQUEST

Doherty moved to vacate the north south alley between 600 blocks of North Kansas and Pennsylvania Streets in the Lincoln Addition, maintaining utility easements. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriations Ordinance 21-543, 2021 First Quarter Treasurers Report, Utility Technician Justin Rogers resignation, March 2021 Personnel Report and 2021 First Quarter Structure Fire Report as presented. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Spieth asked if there were any objections to moving New Business item 1D regarding Eddington Park sidewalk/trail up on the agenda. Seeing none, council members were provided an updated map of the proposed Eddington Park project.

New Business –

1.D. Consider approval of JT Construction Company’s proposal in the amount of \$106,430 to build a trail/walking path and concrete pad for future concession/storage building at Eddington Park to be paid from BCBS Pathways grant funds and waiving bid requirements per City purchasing policy. Bryce Buergin spoke about the project detailing some of the improvements that were going to be made. A sketch was provided to council. Pryor moved to waive City’s purchasing policy bid requirement and approve JT Construction Company \$106,430 proposal to build Eddington Park trail/walking path and pour concrete pad for future concession/storage building to be paid out of BCBS pathways grant fund. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

1.A. Consider approval of unpaid extended leave for John Shallenburger through March 29, 2022. Houser moved to approve unpaid extended leave for John Shallenburger through March 29, 2022. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

1.B. Consider forgiving special assessments for 531 East Country Road providing the property is donated to the Columbus Land Bank. Houser moved to forgive special assessments for 531 East Country Road providing the property is donated to the Columbus Land Bank. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

1.C. Consider forgiving special assessments for 117 North Minnesota providing the property is donated to the Columbus Land Bank. Houser moved to forgive special assessments for 117 North Minnesota providing the property is donated to the Columbus Land Bank. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2.A. Consider approval of B-3 Construction, Inc. bid to demolish and remove Public Works Office and build pad to accommodate 50' X 70' structure in the amount of \$10,600 to be paid out of Capital Utility Reserves. Farstvedt moved to approve B-3 Construction, Inc. bid to demolish and remove Public Works Office and build pad to accommodate 50' X 70' structure in the amount of \$10,600 to be paid out of Capital Utility Reserves. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2.B. Consider approval of Purple Dot Construction bid to build Public Works Office in the amount of \$62,500 to be paid out of Capital Utility Reserves and waiving bid requirements per City purchasing policy. Houser moved to waive City purchasing bid requirement and approve Purple Dot Construction bid to build Public Works Office in the amount of \$62,500 to be paid out of Capital Utility Reserves. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2.C. Consider approval of agreement with RJR Enterprises, Inc. for City Splash Pad in the amount of \$153,000 to be paid with City donated proceeds. Pryor moved to approve RJR Enterprises, Inc. agreement for City Splash Pad in the amount of \$153,000 to be paid with City donated proceeds. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3.A. Consider Ordinance 1478 providing for a building permit non-compliance penalty. Houser moved to approve Ordinance 1478 providing for a building permit non-compliance penalty. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

4.A. Consider approval of City street closures for Columbus High School Prom and Park Elementary Touch a Truck Event. Doherty moved to approve street closures for Columbus High School Prom and Park Elementary Touch a Truck Event noting the date correction of April 22 for the Park School event. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

4.B. Consider approval of APAC agreement for 2021 street overlay project. Rivas noted APAC is the same contractor being used in the High School Street Project. She stated the street overlay will be

worked in around the same time the company is here for the High School Street Project saving money on mobilization costs. Rivas added that \$254,496.50 is less than the \$300,000 budgeted for 2021 and council can decide later to carry fund over to 2022 or select another project for this year. Houser moved to approve APAC agreement of \$254,496.50 for the City 2021 street overlay project. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

5.A. Consider approval of 2021 mower purchases totaling \$19,747.23 to be paid out of Fund 21 Capital Equipment Reserves – Eddington Park mower \$11,000 and Fund 01 General Fund - Parks Equipment totaling \$6,500 and \$2,247.23 from Fund 21 Capital Equipment Reserves – Park Improvements. Houser moved to approve 2021 mower purchases totaling \$19,747.23 to be paid out of Fund 21 Capital Equipment Reserves – Eddington Park mower \$11,000 and Fund 01 General Fund - Parks Equipment totaling \$6,500 and \$2,247.23 from Fund 21 Capital Equipment Reserves – Park Improvements. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Economic Development Director Jake Letner thanked the council for their support of the Micro Grant Program. He informed everyone that the program has been a huge success and he received enough applications in the first 24 hours of the program being open to utilize this year’s funding. More information will be provided as projects are completed.

City Clerk Chancellor noted thank you notes/letters received from several Youth Fair Entrepreneur Fair participants thanking the council for supporting the event.

Rivas noted Code Enforcement Officer Gary Holt earned the American Association of Code Enforcement Certification. Holt noted this covers property maintenance, home and zoning inspections.


Utility Director Bennett announced that Utility Technician Justin Graham received his wastewater certification. He also reminded everyone of the City-wide spring cleanup April 19-April 30.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meetings:

Work session – TBD


Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

