

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 15, 2021  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met March 15, 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 of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriations Ordinance 21-542, March 1, 2021 council meeting minutes, Pool Manager, Lifeguard and Seasonal Part-Time Laborer job descriptions as presented. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Mayor Report –**

- Appointed Kim Richards to the Columbus Housing Authority Board for a four-year term beginning April 1, 2021 and expiring April 1, 2025.

**COLUMBUS HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD – *Kim Richards***

Houser moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kim Richards to the Columbus Housing Authority Board for a four-year term beginning April 1, 2021 and expiring April 1, 2025. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**STAFF REPORTS –**

Rivas reported she and staff will attend training Tuesday/Wednesday that will provide information on the recently passed American Rescue Plan and the allocation for the City and help us understand what we can do with these funds.

City Clerk Chancellor reminded those present of the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Wednesday, March 31 at the State Theatre. Reservations are due to the Clerk's office by end of day Friday, March 19.

Utility Director Scott Bennett noted the annual Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 19 - April 30. Crews will spend two days in each ward.

**New Business –**

**1.A. Consider forgiving special assessments for 534 West Elm providing the property is donated to the Columbus Land Bank.** Community Development Coordinator Jake Letner provided background information for this property being considered for a donation by the Land Bank Board. Houser moved to forgive special assessments for 534 West Elm 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.

**1.B. Consider 2021-2022 property/liability insurance proposal from EMC.** Houser moved to approve the revised 2021-2022 EMC property/liability insurance renewal through Ryan Insurance including the increased deductible. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**2.A. Consider closing City Park for Disc Golf Tournament on April 10, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Houser moved to close the City Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 10 for a Disc Golf Tournament with the exception of players and spectators. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**4.A. Consider Resolution 609 approving Kansas Department of Transportation Connecting Link Project for North East Avenue.** Administrator Rivas noted this resolution is a requirement of the State for the Connecting Link Project. She stated the City will cover five percent of the \$350,000 project plus design and inspection costs. Pryor moved to adopt Resolution 609 authorizing a City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) agreement as part of the KDOT local partnership program to resurface North East Avenue (US-69) a City connecting link of the State Highway System through the City. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**4.B. Consider Safe Routes to School - Priority 1 Improvements Design Agreement with BG Consultants.** Rivas provided this SRTS project is another grant the City is working on. It will provide and improve sidewalks on West Country Road to Central School. The City's portion is about ten percent plus the cost of survey, design and inspection. Jake Letner will oversee the grant with work being done in 2022- 2023. Houser moved to approve Safe Routes to School – Priority 1 Improvements Design Agreement with BG Consultants. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**4.C. Consider street overlay bids for 2021 to be paid out of Fund 22 – Street Reserves and General Fund-Street Department-Capital Improvement.** Property/Parks Director Coble provided that three bids were received out of the 11/12 companies contacted for a paving bid. Discussion ensued over bids/contractors/project list. Houser moved to approve street overlay bid from APAC in the amount of \$254,497 to be paid out of Fund 22 – Street Reserves and General Fund – Street Department – Capital Improvement. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**4.D. Consider inspection agreement with PEC for High School Street Reconstruction Project.** Pryor moved to approve PEC High School Street Reconstruction Project inspection agreement. 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 7:48 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

