

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

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met July 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Jan Houser, Tom Pryor. Council members absent: Nate Long.

Chris Richardson of Crestline Christian provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriations Ordinance 21- 549, Treasurer's Report – June 2021, Council Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2021, June 2021 Personnel Report, Second quarter 2021 Fire Report. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Charles DePratt of 309 West Oak addressed the council regarding the recent stormwater issues. He stated there is a large amount of run off and asked what the plan was for the future. Mayor Spieth stated that the council is aware of the problem and City Administrator Ms. Rivas has started forming a plan to combat the issue. Mr. DePratt added that the water running through culvert at the corner of Oak and Florida Streets is washing out driveways and that he is getting drainage from five different directions. Mr. DePratt invited the mayor to walk down his side ditches down to the railroad tracks to see what he is referring to. Mayor Spieth also stated that areas in East town have no where for the water to, and this has been a challenge as it also effects the sewer lines.

Houser added that Rivas put a message out asking for residents to send in pictures, by doing this we can map out the problem areas. Rivas added that with the responses from the community she has began compiling the data and once we have the areas mapped out the city will reach out to a firm to have them come in and conduct a study to formalize a plan to begin repairing the issues.

Knut Farstvedt was also in attendance and stated that Mr. DePratt covered all his concerns and he had nothing further to add.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Spieth added onto the stormwater discussion by stating last week when the large rainfall occurred, all Columbus bridges were underwater. He listed the bridges on Vermont, Florida, Minnesota, Elm, Park and Country Road.

NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1(A) Consider revised Commercial Property Rehabilitation Grant application and process.

Houser moved to approve the revised Commercial Property Rehabilitation Grant application with new language added that applicants must submit two itemized like bids. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

H. 2(A) Consider temporary Lease agreement with Jay Saiz for 710 N. High School Ave.

Doherty moved to approve the temporary Lease agreement with Jay Saiz for 710 N. High School Ave. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

H. 3(A) Consider closing the 100 block of East Country Road each evening during Fair Week.

Pryor moved to approve the closing of the 100 block of East Country Road each evening during Fair Week. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

H. 3(B) Consider Resolution 611 Adopting the Region H Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan efforts.

Houser moved to approve Resolution 611 Adopting the Region H Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan efforts. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

H. 4(A) Consider Approval of Sidewalk application for 518 and 522 West Oak in the amount of \$2,640 to be paid out of Fund 22, Street Improvement-Sidewalk grant Improvement upon completion of work.

Houser moved to approve the Sidewalk application for 518 and 522 West Oak in the amount of \$2,640 to be paid out of Fund 22, Street Improvement-Sidewalk grant Improvement upon completion of work. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Doherty requested we contact the property owner that is adjacent to this property and provide them with a sidewalk grant application to attempt to complete the entire section of sidewalk. Houser spoke to putting the sidewalk grant application on the next work session agenda to revise the match if we plan to continue this program.

Houser requested Community Development Coordinator, Jake Letner, provide an update to the council regarding the splash pad project. Letner stated the company plans to be onsite mid-July with an estimated July 19, 2021 start date. Prior to their arrival, Public Works must install the water lines, sewer connections and a compacted dirt pad. Coble stated the dirt pad is out for bid currently. Upon the start of the project, they have an estimated completion of six weeks, they estimated by the end of August.

H. 1(B) Discussion: Right of Way Easement Agreement with JTS Investments, LLC located at 200 W. Walnut in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Houser called for a twenty-minute executive session at 7:11 pm for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship with the Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney and Property & Parks Director in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 7:31 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 7:31 p.m.

No action taken in executive session.

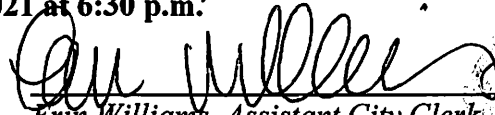
Doherty moved to submit a counter proposal of a 32 ft. temporary construction easement to maintain the existing grade for one year on the NE Corner of Walnut and Kansas Street with JTS investments and direct City Attorney Barbara Wright to draft the proposal. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Houser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Meetings:

City Council Work Session – July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.


Erin Williams, Assistant City Clerk



