

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 19, 2021
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met July 19, 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.

Council member Kathy Doherty provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Community Development Block Grant public hearing scheduled tonight was not held due to a lack of interest in the project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriations Ordinance 21- 550, July 6, 2021 council meeting minutes, and June 28, 2021 work session meeting minutes as presented. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Report –

Mayor Spieth reported virtual attendance of flood plain administration meeting last week. The City will be forwarding photos and videos of flooding throughout the City during recent rain event for their records.

Spieth reminded everyone of County Fair events of the week.

Staff Reports –

City Administrator Daniela Rivas announced that water is temporarily off in the 500 block of West Sycamore as crews work to tie into the new water lines as part of the High School Street project. The water portion of the project is pretty much on target. Rivas noted the street portion of the project is running one to two weeks behind schedule. Staff is working with USD 493 Superintendent Dr. Smith on a plan for Highland School traffic and busing in the event work is not completed around Highland Elementary before the beginning of school, August 18. Project completion date is September 23 which includes a demobilization period.

Rivas informed that the design portion of the City Connecting Link Improvement Project (CCLIP) scheduled for 2022 is complete. This project involves paving and a sidewalk addition for a portion of East Avenue from Maple Street north. A presentation to council will take place in the coming weeks.

Rivas reminded of the Safe Routes to School Project slated for 2023 will address sidewalk on West Country Road from the City Park to High School Street and a portion of Maple Street from Railroad Street to East Avenue.

Rivas informed that staff is working with PEC on an infrastructure mapping project to record all aspects of City infrastructure for future reference.

New Business –

H.1.A. Consider agreement with McGrath Human Resources Group in the amount of \$12,000 for a compensation study and benefits survey to be paid out of General Fund – Admin, Contracted Service (\$6,000) and Capital Reserves – Admin (\$6,000). Houser moved to approve agreement with McGrath Human Resources Group in the amount of \$12,000 for a compensation study and benefits survey for the City to be paid out of General Fund – Admin, Contracted Services (\$6,000) and Capital Reserves – Admin (\$6,000). Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.B. Consider Approval of Platinum membership with Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation for 2021/2022 membership year. Farstvedt moved to approve City's Platinum \$2,000 Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation 2021/2022 membership. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Rivas noted the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation will hold their annual recognition breakfast September 15. The council will receive a formal invitation in the coming weeks. The event location and guest speaker will be announced at that time.

H.1.C. Consider approval of Resolution 612 updating Resolution 334 Tax Exemption Policy and Procedures for Granting Tax Exemptions and Incentives for Economic Development. Pryor moved to adopt Resolution 612 updating the City's economic development tax exemption and incentive policy. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.2.A. Consider approval of selling City surplus furniture and equipment through sealed bid. Rivas noted department supervisors put together the list of surplus furniture and equipment included in council packets that they wish to remove from their inventories. Houser moved to approve sale of surplus equipment and furniture as presented by sealed bid, advertising the opportunity in the local paper, on Facebook and the City website. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.3.A. Consider Ordinance 1482 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities 2021. Houser moved to approve Ordinance 1482 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.3.B. Consider Ordinance 1483 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities 2021. Doherty moved to approve Ordinance 1483 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.4.A. Consider addition of Magnolia Street from Maple to the alley to the 2021 mill and overlay project in the amount of \$8,000 to Davis Construction for street demo and to APAC Construction in the amount of \$8,026.55 for 3" of asphalt paving, combined total of \$16,026.55 to be paid from General Fund – Streets 2021 budget. Doherty moved to approve the addition of the half block of North Magnolia Street from Maple to the alley to the 2021 mill and overlay project in the amount of \$8,000 to Davis Construction for street demo and to APAC Construction in the amount of

\$8,026.55 for 3" of asphalt paving. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business –

Administrator Rivas reminded council that she will be on vacation until August 2. I will be available by email.

No work session next week, we will have a council meeting August 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meetings:

Council Meeting

Monday August 2 @ 6:30 p.m.


Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

