

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 03, 2022
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met January 03, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Sammye Opela, Tom Pryor. Council members absent: None.

Council Member Tom Pryor provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Chancellor noted a grammatical (spelling) error in the December 20, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes was detected and has been corrected. Pryor moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of corrected Council Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2021, Appropriation Ordinance 21-561, Appropriation Ordinance 22-562, Personnel Report – December 2021. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Opela. Motion carried 3-0-1.

Mayor Report-

Mayor Spieth appointed Lindsay Shoemaker as Council Member from Ward 2 to fill the unexpired term of Jan Houser.

WARD 2 COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – *Lindsay Shoemaker*

Doherty moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Lindsay Shoemaker as Ward 2 Council Member to fill the unexpired term of Jan Houser. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

The Oath of Office was administered to Shoemaker by the City Clerk. Mayor Spieth welcomed Ms. Shoemaker to the group and made introductions. Ms. Shoemaker took her place at the council horseshoe.

Mayor Spieth explained that a President of the Council is elected each year. This person presides at council meetings in the event the Mayor is unable to attend and would also serve as Mayor if the office of the Mayor became vacant.

Doherty nominated Tom Pryor for the position. Farstvedt seconded the nomination. Mayor Spieth asked for any other nominations. None came forward.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL – *Tom Pryor*

Farstvedt moved to approve Tom Pryor as the President of the Council for 2022. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Spieth explained that each year council members are appointed to serve as representatives of one of each of the City's five business categories: Administrative, Property, Emergency Response, Streets/Alleys/Bridges/Stormwater and Public Works. Mayor Spieth made the appointments of City business categories as: Administrative – Tom Pryor; Property – Lindsay Shoemaker; Emergency Response – Sammye Opela; Streets/Alleys/Bridges/Stormwater – Kathy Doherty; and Public Works – Stephanie Farstvedt.

BUSINESS CATEGORY APPOINTMENTS

Opela moved to approve the Mayor's 2022 Council Business Category Representative appointments of: Administrative – Tom Pryor; Property – Lindsay Shoemaker; Emergency Response – Sammye Opela; Streets/Alleys/Bridges/Stormwater – Kathy Doherty; and Public Works – Stephanie Farstvedt. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Spieth read a proclamation acknowledging National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day as January 9, 2022 in Columbus, Kansas and thanked City Police and County Officers for their service.

Mayor explained the background behind the upcoming Public Hearing to consider renaming Crossland Lane. He noted the City received correspondence from the Crossland family including a thank you for the honor and a request to rename the street.

Mayor Spieth opened the Public Hearing to consider renaming Crossland Lane at 6:45 p.m. and asked if anyone would like to address the council. Jim Oberbeck approached the podium and suggested renaming the street Pelé after the famous Brazilian soccer player as this street runs by soccer field.

Tom Pryor noted when this topic came up before it was near Pearl Harbor Day and he thought of the Christiansen brothers who were Columbus residents stationed on the Arizona. Edward Lee Christiansen lost his life during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Carl Christiansen was wounded that day but was able to continue to serve the remainder of WWII and years later went on to become Police Chief for the City of Columbus. Pryor noted there are few monuments or things honoring our Native Sons and thought this might be a fitting tribute.

Fire Chief Steven Burton added to the discussion suggesting from an emergency responder and mapping viewpoint, Lake Street seems logical. Mayor Spieth noted after a slight bend this is street is almost right in line with Lake Street.

Mayor Spieth closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

CROSSLAND LANE RENAMED LAKE STREET

Doherty moved to rename Crossland Lane as Lake Street and to update all associated ordinances accordingly. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Spieth suggested administrative staff and council think of ways the City might honor the Christiansen brothers for future discussion.

New Business –

City Administrator Rivas announced Red Iron Activity Center contacted her today and has extended an offer of free 2022 memberships for City employees and their families, including volunteer fire and reserve police officers. She stated council approves employee benefits and this is coming to council for transparency and request for approval.

RED IRON ACTIVITY CENTER 2022 EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIPS

Doherty moved to accept free 2022 Red Iron Activity Center memberships for full-time City employees, reserve police officers and volunteer firefighters and their families. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business –

Police Chief Jason Daniels informed the council he has received a bid for the demolition of 121 North Illinois. He stated the property owners have until January 6 to remove the debris. Daniels asked for approval of the bid in the event the owners do not act, he can move forward before the next council meeting. The B-3 quote is for \$4,300 plus tonnage.

APPROVE B3 DEMOLITION QUOTE – 121 NORTH ILLINOIS

Opela moved to approve B3 quote in the amount of \$4,300 plus tonnage for the demolition and clean-up of property at 121 North Illinois. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Chancellor reminded council that City offices will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and the council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 18. She also noted reservations for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on Wednesday January 26 are due to the clerk by Friday, January 14.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meetings:

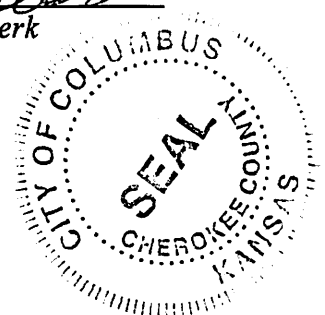
City Council Work Session

Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.


Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk



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