

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2022
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met February 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Sammye Opela, Tom Pryor, Lindsay Shoemaker. Council members absent: None.

Kathy Doherty provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Doherty moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Council Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes – December 28, 2021, Work Session Minutes – January 31, 2022, Appropriation Ordinance 21-565, Appropriation Ordinance 22-566, and the Personnel Report – January 2022. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Report-

Mayor Spieth expressed his appreciation for Property & Parks Director, Randy Coble, and Utilities Director Scott Bennett and their city crews for all the hard work during the inclement weather for the last week.

Staff Reports-

City Administrator, Daniela Rivas, provided an update on the permitting process. Stating that the program has taken a new direction transitioning over to Jake Letner, Community Development Coordinator, and his department. Letner is working on a new approach and will present his ideas to council in the coming weeks.

New Business-

H.1.A. Consider approval of City Administrator, Daniela Rivas', resignation effective March 11, 2022.

Rivas read aloud her resignation to the members of the council, expressing her gratitude for her time with the city. She then informed the council she accepted a new position as the Assistant City Administrator with the City of McPherson. Pryor moved to accept City Administrator, Daniela Rivas', resignation effective March 11, 2022. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Doherty called for a ten-minute executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel regarding the City Administrator position with the Council, City Administrator, City Attorney and City Clerk in attendance. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Meeting to reconvene at 6:50 p.m. in the council room.

Regular session 6:50 p.m.
 No action taken.


Mayor Spieth recommended appointing Cherri Chancellor as the interim City Administrator, effective March 14, 2022. Pryor moved to approve the appointment of Cherri Chancellor as the interim City Administrator effective March 14, 2022, if a City Administrator has not been hired. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.B. Consider updating Ordinance 1419 to recommended changes.

Rivas reviewed the proposed changes with the council to Ordinance 1419 detailing the City Administrator responsibilities. The current ordinance reflected committees and had other out-of-date language. Opela recommended adding work session language in Section 11. The proposed changes will bring these items current. Wright will make the changes that were requested by the council. The updated Ordinance number will be Ordinance 1490. Pryor moved to approve Ordinance 1490 as revised adding Work Session requirements. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.C. Consider non-budgeted transfer request for 2021 as outlined in attached transfer request.

Pryor moved to approve the non-budgeted transfer request for 2021 as outlined in attached transfer request. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

		Reserve Transfer Request by Dept. Heads			1/20/2022
Department	Total 2022 Budget	Total Expended	% Expended	Request	Current Reserve Balance
Cemetery	\$77,736	\$61,379	79%	\$5,000 Brush Pile Relocation project- Cemetery Fund 20	\$0
Streets	\$507,360	\$435,000	86%	\$20,000 Future Street Improvements- Fund 22	\$93,762
				\$7,500 Engineering for future projects- Fund 22	\$0
				\$8,000 Future Curb replacement- Fund 22	\$0
				\$10,000 Future Street vehicle/equipment purchase- Fund 22	\$0
Pool	\$93,878	\$66,319	71%	\$5,000 Pool painting and rehab- Parks Fund 20	\$32,400
Parks	\$56,220	\$47,891	85%	\$3,000 Future Mower purchase- Parks Fund 21	\$200
Property	\$105,431	\$91,678	87%	\$6,000 Outfit Vehicle for property maintenance- Property Fund 21	\$0
Court	\$100,250	\$74,016	74%	\$2,500 Computer equipment reserve- Court Fund 21	\$0
Police	\$484,150	\$461,135	95%	\$10,000 Future vehicle replacement- Police Fund 21	\$45,406
Animal Control	\$47,185	\$32,697	69%	\$5,000 Future vehicle replacement- Police Fund 21	\$0
Fire	\$322,975	\$308,520	96%	\$5,000 Future vehicle replacement- Fire Fund 21	\$23,526
Water	\$1,059,387	\$1,031,322	97%	\$5,000 Fire Hydrant Replacement Project- Water Fund 23	\$0
				\$2,900 Chlorine Analyzer- Water Fund 23	\$0
Sewer	\$472,000	\$462,786	98%	\$3,000 Lift station rebuild project- Sewer Fund 23	\$0
Total Transfers Out				\$97,900	

H.2.A. Consider Tee Pad Installation for City Disc Golf totaling \$5,600 to be paid from donated funds and 2022 Budget, Fund 12-Special Parks.

Doherty moved to approve tee pad installation for City Disc Golf for up to and not to exceed \$5,600 to be paid to Pinnegar from donated funds and Fund 12-Special Parks. Discussion centered around quote for \$400 for Winter mix, which might not be necessary depending on when the tee pads would be poured. Mayor Spieth mentioned there would be a total of 18 tee pads, six of which will be in City Park. He questioned if the city had obtained signed commitments from the property owners allowing the tee pads installation, Coble stated we have the signatures provided to us by the Disc Golf Club.

Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.2.B. Consider Resolution 621 naming Discovery Park.

Farstvedt moved to approve Resolution 621 naming Discovery Park and H & H Splashpad as a feature in the park. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.2.C. Consider Resolution 622 naming Ian's Place.

Opela moved to approve Resolution 622 naming Ian's Place as a feature inside of Reeves Park. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Coble provided an update on the signs requested by the council for the parks. He spoke with Todd from the Coffeyville Welding School, and he is providing a quote for the iron arch for Discovery Park. In the meantime, plaques have been ordered for the bathrooms at the splash pad and Ian's Place.

Police Chief, Jason Daniels spoke to council regarding the difficulties surrounding hiring and retaining an animal control officer. The turnover leaves additional responsibilities that are left to the officers. He recommended hiring a part-time officer, citing that he is hopeful for this position to possibly work in the evening when they frequently receive calls. If this position works as part-time, the city could reallocate the remaining full-time position budget to help with the current in-wage compression. Mayor Spieth asked if this would require the job description to be updated. Rivas informed council the current job description does not designate the position as full or part time so it would not.

H.5.A. Consider changing public works logo as presented.

Opela moved to approve and accept the public works logo as presented. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.5.B. Consider waiving water tap fee for COOP line extension project totaling \$2,800.

Opela moved to approve waiving the 4-inch water tap fee for COOP line extension project in the amount of \$2,800. Pryor seconded the motion. Council requested to ensure to have documentation of who is responsible for the maintenance of the section of line being installed. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.5.C. Consider waiving dumpster rental fees for Cherokee County Public Works lot.

Opela moved to approve waiving dumpster rental fees for all three dumpsters at the Cherokee County Public Work lot. Pryor seconded the motion. Council recommended waiving the dumpster rental fees for all three dumpster and the county would be responsible for their trash fees. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.5.D. Consider approval of Manhole Rehab on High School Street totaling \$31,105 to be paid from Fund 20-Street Improvement Reserves.

Doherty moved to approve the manhole rehab on High School Street totaling \$31,105 to be paid from Fund 20-Street Improvement Reserves. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Mayer was the company who

was selected as they were the lowest bidder and honored the pricing they provided us three years ago. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Information-

Mayor Spieth reminded council of the Chamber Dinner on March 30th at 6:00 p.m. please let City Clerk know who plans to attend. He also informed council of a League webinar in February that will discuss open meetings and open record, citing it would be good information for new council members and old ones alike. No work session scheduled for next week at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meetings:

Council Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.



Erin Williams, Assistant City Clerk

