

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2021
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met August 16, 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.

Paul Cook of Bethel Baptist Church provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Doherty moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriations Ordinance 21- 552, August 2, 2021, council meeting minutes, and June 2021 Treasurer Report as presented. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Report –

Mayor Spieth announced that Gracie Helms resigned from the Land Bank Board as documented in the Land Bank meeting minutes included in your council packet. Spieth appointed Tony Sherburn to replace Helms as recommended by the Land Bank Board.

LAND BANK BOARD APPOINTMENT – *Tony Sherburn*

Houser moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tony Sherburn to the Columbus Land Bank Board. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Staff Reports – None.

New Business –

H.1.A. Executive Session: Consultation with City Attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an Attorney-Client relationship to discuss financial matter. Houser moved adjourn to Administrator Rivas' office for executive session at 7:34 p.m. for consultation with City Attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an Attorney-Client relationship to discuss a financial matter with the Council, Mayor, City Administrator and City Attorney in attendance. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting will resume in the council chambers at 8:04 p.m.

Regular session 8:04 p.m.

No action taken.

H.1.B. Consider Colombo Bay LLC tax abatement application. Pryor moved to consider Colombo Bay LLC tax abatement application and move forward with public hearing. Motion failed for lack of a second.

H.1.C. Consider approval of Right of Way Easement Agreement with JTS Investments, LLC located at 200 West Walnut. Houser moved to approve Right of Way Easement Agreement with JTS

Investments, LLC regarding 200 North Kansas pending property purchase. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.D. Consider adopting Resolution 613 authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021, of the City of Columbus, Kansas. City Administrator Rivas explained the High School Street project is being funded by a \$600,000 CDBG for the street portion, \$600,000 from City's cash reserves and the remaining portion for utilities, sidewalks, and overages by issuing bonds. Doherty moved to adopt Resolution 613 authorizing for the sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021, of the City of Columbus, Kansas. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.E. Consider publishing 2022 City budget as presented and set budget hearing date and revenue neutral hearing date for Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Pryor moved to publish 2022 City budget as presented and set revenue neutral hearing date and budget hearing for Tuesday, September 7, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.2.A. Consider USD #493 use of the City Park for Elementary Back to School Carnival on Thursday, August 26. Farstvedt moved to approve use of the City Park Thursday, August 26 for the USD #493 Elementary Back to School Carnival. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.2.B. Consider agreement with Liberty Utilities to run electricity to the Eddington Park Concession stand and paying installation cost of \$18,996 from Fund 20 Capital Improvements-Property (20-501-5999). Administrator Rivas informed council that 20th Street utility pole near the park is not serviced by Liberty Utilities, it belongs to the rural cooperative that services the county. Eddington Park is within city limits and in the Liberty coverage area. This agreement provides underground service to the concession stand from Liberty Utilities. Houser moved to approve Liberty Utilities agreement to provide electric service to the Eddington Park concession stand and paying the \$18,996 installation cost from Fund 20 Capital Improvements- Property (20-501-5999). Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.3.A. Consider approval of the purchase of two sets of Fire Department bunker gear from 1st Due Emergency Response Solutions, Bartlett, Ks in the amount of \$5,589.94 to be paid out of general fund account 01-900-57510. Houser moved to approve the purchase of two sets of Fire Department bunker gear from 1st Due Emergency Response Solutions, Bartlett, Ks in the amount of \$5,589.94 to be paid out of general fund account 01-900-57510. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

It was the consensus of the group the City Administrator can authorize budgeted department purchases that fall within the Administrator's spending authority.

H.4.A. Consider updating Sidewalk Replacement Program to be a 50/50 split between the resident and the city beginning January 2022. No motion was made to move the matter forward.

H.5.A. Consider purchase of 611 95-gallon poly carts from Elliott Equipment in the amount of \$38,645.75 to be paid from Fund 05-Sanitation Fund. Doherty moved to approve purchase of 611

95-gallon poly carts from Elliott Equipment in the amount of \$38,645.75 to be paid from Fund-05 Sanitation fund. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.5.B. Consider approval of Ordinance 1484 updating poly cart program guidelines. Houser moved to approve Ordinance 1484 updating the poly cart program guidelines. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business – None.

City Clerk Chancellor reminded council of the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference opportunity in October and the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation Annual Recognition Breakfast on Wednesday September 15.

Administrator Rivas noted the next work session will be Monday August 30.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meetings:

Work Session

Monday August 30, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting

Tuesday September 7, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor
Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

