

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 4, 2021  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met October 4, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Nate Long, Tom Pryor. Council members absent: Jan Houser.

Jim Thomas representing First Baptist Church provided the Invocation followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Doherty moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance 21-555, Council Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2021, Work Session Minutes – September 27, 2021, September 2021 Personnel Report. Long seconded the motion. Voting aye: Pryor, Long, Farstvedt, Doherty. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Report-**

-Proclamation: Home Rule Day (October 11, 2021)

**Staff Reports-**

Property & Parks Director, Randy Coble, updated council on the street overlay project stating that many areas had already been completed. He provided an update on the high school street project. Pavement will begin on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> along with reconstruction of concrete flumes. He informed the council that by the end of October, Purple Dot will begin setting forms for the new public works building.

Doherty stated that she had received a complaint regarding how the paving was affecting residents' driveways. Coble stated he would reach out to Kyle with APAC to find a solution to fix these issues.

City Administrator Rivas added that this was Director Coble and her first time putting the mill and overlay project out for RFP and has been a learning experience for both of them. It has helped both of them to know what to include in future RFP's.

Utilities Director, Scott Bennett, provided an update on the standpipe repair stating that the install was completed, and the painting should be complete by the end of the month. He also informed the council that the vault install was completed at the new splash pad, so they are ready to move on to the next phase. He let council know that all of public works is working to ensure the City is ready for the Columbus Days Festival this upcoming weekend.

**New Business –**

**H.1.A. Consider Ordinance No. 1486, Authorizing the Issuance of Colombo Bay Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, for the purpose of the construction, renovation and equipping a commercial facility; and authorizing certain other related documents and actions.** Pryor moved to approve Ordinance No. 1486 authorizing the issuance of Colombo Bay Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, for the purpose of the construction, renovation and equipping a commercial facility; and authorizing certain other related documents and actions. Doherty seconded the motion. Dominick Eck

attended via Zoom and Liz Simpson attended in person to answer any questions that council might have. No discussion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**H.1.B. Consider EHIMP 2022 guideline and application updates and \$7,500 funding request.** Long moved to approve the EHIMP 2022 guideline and application with the updates and \$7,500 funding request. Pryor seconded the motion. Mayor Spieth reminded council that this is funded through Economic Development and this funding would discontinue in 2023, at that time the funding will have to come from another fund. Administrator Rivas clarified for council that this grant is for residents and the Commercial Rehabilitation Grant is for businesses. The Commercial Rehabilitation Grant already has \$10,000 allocated in the budget. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carries 4-0.

**H.4.A. Consider Ordinance No. 1487, Directing Traffic and Authorizing Signage for One-Way Traffic, East-To-West, on Crossland Lane in Columbus, Kansas, on Saturday Mornings from 8:00 am Until 1:00 pm During Soccer Seasons, Amending Ordinance No. 1439.** Doherty moved to approve Ordinance No. 1487, directing traffic and authorizing signage for one-way traffic, east-to-west, on Crossland Lane in Columbus, Kansas, on Saturday mornings from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm during soccer seasons, amending Ordinance No. 1439. Long seconded the motion. Doherty initiated discussion regarding need for additional parking as many residents were having to park in a field. Council asked Director Coble to gather data and to look into the necessity for additional parking in the area. Voting aye: Pryor, Long, Farstvedt, Doherty. Voting nay: None. Motion carries 4-0.

**H.5.A. Discussion: Shumake sewer exemption request.** Mayor Spieth began the discussion stating that currently, the only contract the City has for this type of exemption is with Butterball. Councilmembers agreed that they were not in favor of granting a sewer exemption outside of the city limits. Mayor Spieth asked the council if anyone wanted to make a motion to approve the sewer exemption request. No motion was made. Council requested for Administrator Rivas to inform Mr. Shumake of their decision and suggest he approach council for annexation into the City. City Attorney Barbara Wright stated that the council would have options of how they could annex his property into the City. They could annex his entire property, which would include farm animals and that would require another exception, or they could annex just the building.

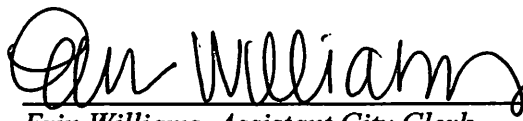
Pryor informed the council of the need to tighten up restrictions surrounding limb drop offs. He stated that there were several logs at the pile, and something needed to be done. Rivas added that this issue has been a focus point of discussion for her and Director Coble over the last several months and no good solution has been found. Council asked for this item to be added to the next work session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Meetings:**

**City Council Meeting – October 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

  
*Erin Williams, Assistant City Clerk*

