

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2021
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met November 1, 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance 21-557, Council Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2021, October 2021 Personnel Report. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Pryor, Long, Farstvedt, Doherty, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Report-

Tomorrow is election day, please come out and vote. The League will offer a training opportunity quickly after election. City Administrator Rivas informed council the Ethics & Civility training would take place on December 9, 2021, from 6-9 pm, she will send out the training agenda via email once she receives it.

Staff Reports-

Rivas stated that on the next work session agenda a new consent section will be implemented to avoid rehashing what was in the memos in the packet, and to hopefully lessen the time of the meetings.

Property & Parks Director, Randy Coble, informed council that the park restrooms are closed until the Spring. Ms. Rivas added that public works staff will be out more than usual over the next couple of months on vacation.

New Business –

H.1.A. Consider Blue Cross Blue Shield 2022 renewal with addition of orthodontics coverage. Houser moved to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield 2022 renewal rates for city employees with the addition of orthodontics coverage. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.B. Consider Resolution 618 authorizing the application to KPERS for inclusion of all eligible employees in optional life insurance. Doherty moved to approve Resolution 618 for optional group life insurance through KPERS for all eligible employees. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Houser, Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.B. Consider Resolution 619 2022 GAAP Waiver. Houser moved to approve Resolution 619 for the 2022 GAAP Waiver. Pryor seconded the motion. Ms. Rivas explained that the GAAP waiver is used due to the city not participating in fixed asset accounting. This type of accounting would entail taking inventory of the city's entire infrastructure, this style of accounting is not commonly used in

cities of the second and third class. Voting aye: Long, Farstvedt, Doherty, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.D. Consider Employee Bonuses totaling \$6,950 to be paid from wages and salaries GL lines from the corresponding 2021 department budgets. Doherty moved to approve employee bonuses totaling \$6,950 to be paid from wages and salaries GL lines from the corresponding department budgets. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Long, Houser, Farstvedt, Doherty, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.E. Consider Employee Holiday Dinner budget in the amount of \$1,500 to be paid from the corresponding 2021 department budget (operating). Farstvedt moved to approve the employee holiday dinner budget in the amount of \$1,500 to be paid from the corresponding 2021 department operating budget. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.F. Consider Adoption of 2021 Council Orientation Handbook. Pryor moved to approve the adoption of 2021 Council Orientation Handbook. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Mayor Spieth requested that the name of the handbook be changed to the Governing Body Handbook and for the documents and title of the handbook be updated in SharePoint. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.2.A. Consider Purchase of 48 Niche horizontal columbarium in the amount of \$15,160 from West Chestnut Monument to be paid from Fund 20, Capital Equipment-Cemetery Columbarium reserves. Pryor moved to approve the purchase of 48 niche horizontal columbarium in the amount of \$15,160 from West Chestnut Monument to be paid from Fund 20, Capital Equipment-Cemetery Columbarium reserves. Houser seconded the motion. Discussion centered around where the columbarium would be placed. Coble suggested the grassy area in front of the chapel, but stated he was open to council suggestions for the location. He added that these are companion niches which have the capacity to hold two urns. Doherty asked if these could also be used for pets, Rivas stated that item was on the next work session agenda for discussion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.3.A. Consider approval of Scammon mutual aid fire agreement. Pryor moved to approve the Scammon mutual aid fire agreement. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Chief Burton stated he was also working with the City of Weir to secure the same document. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.3.B. Consider re-allocation of Animal Control Building Reserve Funds in the amount of \$135,769.09 as the following:

- **\$15,769.09 To remain in Animal Control Reserve Fund.**
- **\$35,000-Capital Equipment Reserves for future police vehicle purchases.**
- **\$45,000-Capital Equipment Reserves for immediate public works vehicle purchases.**
- **\$40,000-Capital Equipment Reserves for future city-wide records management system.**

Houser moved to approve the re-allocation of Animal Control Building Reserve Funds in the amount of \$135,769.09 as the following: \$15,769.09 to remain in Animal Control Reserve Fund, \$35,000 in Capital Equipment Reserves for future police vehicle purchases, \$45,000 in Capital Reserves for immediate public works vehicle purchases, and \$40,000 in Capital Reserves for future city-wide

records management system. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.4.A. Consider re-allocating city sidewalk program funding (\$10,000) to street department reserves for future sidewalk projects in the amount of \$12,500 to be funded through General Fund-Streets. Pryor moved to approve the re-allocation of city sidewalk program funding (\$10,000) to street department reserves for future sidewalk projects in the amount of \$12,500 to be funded through General Fund-Streets. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.4.B. Consider 326 South Kansas Sidewalk Grant application. Doherty moved to approve 326 South Kansas Sidewalk Grant application. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Pryor, Long, Farstvedt, Houser, Doherty. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.4.C. Consider 1021 West Maple Sidewalk Grant application. Farstvedt moved to approve 1021 West Maple Sidewalk Grant application. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.4.D. Consider approval of PEC Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for Sidewalk & Utilities construction administration for the extension of construction contract time to be exceeded by 74 calendar days in the amount of \$9,900 to be paid from Highschool Street project funds which will be reimbursed through liquidated damages by contractor or withheld from final payment. Doherty moved to approve PEC Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for Sidewalk & Utilities construction administration for the extension of construction contract time to be exceeded by 74 calendar days in the amount of \$9,900 to be paid from Highschool Street project funds which will be reimbursed through liquidated damages by contractor or withheld from final payment. Pryor seconded the motion. Rivas stated the city will not be out any cost this amount will be subtracted from the finalized number of liquid damages from the contractor. Voting aye: Pryor, Long, Houser, Farstvedt, Doherty. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.4.E. Consider approval of PEC Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for Street inspection and construction administration for the extension of construction contract time to be exceeded by 70 calendar days in the amount of \$93,500 to be paid from Highschool Street project funds which will be reimbursed through liquidated damages by contractor or withheld from final payment. Doherty moved to approve PEC Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for Street inspection and construction administration for the extension of construction contract time to be exceeded by 70 calendar days in the amount of \$93,500 to be paid from Highschool Street project funds which will be reimbursed through liquidated damages by contractor or withheld from final payment. Houser seconded the motion. Voting aye: Long, Pryor, Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.4.F. Consider addition of sidewalk extension on the KDOT 2022 CCLIP mill and overlay project in the amount of \$79,500 (not including inspection costs) to be paid from street reserves. (2022 project). Discussion centered around the fact that this would deplete the funding in the Streets department and other areas have a higher need. No motion was made to approve.

H.4.G. Consider approval of 2022 Mill & Overlay Street list to allow Streets Director to put together RFP for future consideration. Farstvedt moved to approve the 2022 Mill & Overlay Street list to allow Street Director to put together RFP for future consideration. Houser seconded the motion.

Doherty asked if streets could be added onto this later if we needed, Rivas stated if budget allowed that could be a possibility. Mayor Spieth requested that we put the RFP out for bid early to try and get this project completed before Fall in 2022. Discussion centered around the intersection of Vermont & Maple Street and nearby intersections needing more than just milling and additional drainage. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2022 Streets List:

South Washington, Blocks 1-300

Runway Lane

West Oak, Blocks 1-500

West Walnut, Blocks 5-700

South Minnesota, Blocks 1-300

North Vermont, Blocks 1-400

South Vermont, Block 100

East Graves, Block 100

Vermont & Country Road Intersection

H.5.A. Consider water line utility agreement for 621 West Country Road. Pryor moved to approve water line utility agreement for 621 West Country Road. Farstvedt seconded the motion. City Attorney Barbara Wright informed council that the agreement was still in draft form as she has not spoken with Gene Langerot yet. Mayor Spieth added that nothing is stated that the city takes over ownership of water line, and the verbal agreement was made in 1988. He suggested that a policy needed to be put in place, so we are prepared if another situation were to come up. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Houser informed council that the Community Foundation donated \$27,000 to help fund the bathrooms that will be located at Reeves Park and the new splash pad. Doherty said we owe all the donors a huge thank you for all their support of the project. Letner added that the concrete had begun getting poured at the splash pad.

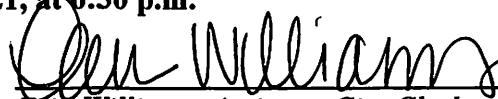
I.A. Consider approval of composting program and bin location at 315 W. Cedar. Houser moved to approve composting program and bin location at 315 W. Cedar. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Letner stated that KSTATE in Manhattan gave funding to our local Research & Extension office to start a composting program in Columbus. The bin will be placed at our current brush location and will be monitored by the extension office. If issues arise the bin will be relocated to the extension office. They will also be placing signs up to help guide residents what is compostable vs. what is not. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Long, Pryor, Houser. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Houser, Long, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meetings:

City Council Meeting –November 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.


Erin Williams, Assistant City Clerk

