

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 1, 2022
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

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

Paul Cook with Bethel Free Will Baptist provided the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Council Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2022, Appropriation Ordinance #22-578, Personnel Report- July 2022, Treasurer Report – July 29, 2022, Municipal Docket Summary – July 25, 2022. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Anna Mosier, Principal of Park Elementary School spoke to the council, asking for permission to use City Park for their annual Back to School Carnival on Thursday, August 25, 2022, from 4:30pm – 8pm. Mosier also requested the Fire Department to bring an engine down, Chief Burton stated that Park Street to Kansas Street would need to be blocked off.

Shoemaker moved to approve Park School utilizing City Park on August 25, 2022, from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm and closing Park Street to Kansas Street on Country Road at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Report-

Mayor Spieth requested council to wipe down their areas once the meeting had concluded, stated Covid was back on the rise.

Staff Reports-

City Administrator, Jake Letner, reminded council the new Utilities Director, Zach Davis starts on Monday, August 8th. He continued by informing council of a water leak that had occurred today due to the gas company hitting the line by Runway Lane, it was repaired in a few hours, and he thanked the Public Works crew for their quick work. He provided an update on the sewer cap for intersection of Elm & High School, stating the crew would be here on or before September 19th.

Police Chief, Jason Daniels, provided an update from fair week stating only one minor incident occurred and that it was a great week from a law enforcement perspective. He also thanked the Lions Club, 4-H, H & K Campers, Crossland Construction, and the American Legion for taking care of all the officers in the unbearable heat.

New Business-

H.1.A. Consider Personnel Handbook Article IX-Leave Provisions and Article X-Holiday revisions as presented.

Pryor moved to approve Personnel Handbook Article IX-Leave Provisions and Article X-Holiday revisions as presented. Mayor Spieth inquired about what the County and State do for Good Friday, Opela asked for clarification on Easter. Assistant City Clerk, Erin Williams, stated that Easter is not on our holiday list so the only day that would be given is Good Friday. Letner spoke to what the county and other surrounding communities are closed for. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.2.A. Consider Ordinance 1499 allowing common consumption area during Columbus Days festivities.

Shoemaker moved to approve Ordinance 1499 allowing common consumption area during special events. The boundaries of the City's Common Consumption Area shall be within the areas of the 100 and 200 blocks of West Pine Street and/or the 100 and 200 blocks of South Kansas Avenue. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion included Doherty, Farstvedt and Opela voicing concerns they had received from residents of alcohol being allowed at these events, citing it was a family event and there would be children present. Opela mentioned that alcohol was allowed at the Splash Pad Event, she asked if anyone felt that event was out of hand, and no one felt that it was. Shoemaker stated that these things will help regardless of the area or not, this just allows us to have a say on the area it is allowed in. Mayor Spieth stated that alcohol would still not be allowed in City parks and asked for clarification on if vendors were allowed in the common consumption area or if it was only area businesses. City Attorney, Barbara Wright, clarified that vendors would be allowed to participate in the area and if after this event if council does not agree with the area, it could be repealed. Doherty also requested that the City speak to Los Lunas to inform them that this would be taking place.

H.2.B. Discussion: Outdoor exercise equipment for Eddington Park.

Letner updated the council on an opportunity that was given to the City to purchase equipment from Riverton Elementary School for a \$2,000 donation. The equipment would be used at Eddington Park around the walking trail. He stated that the City would work with the Rec Commission to determine placement of the equipment. Doherty asked if it was still part of the plan to purchase slides and other equipment for smaller children as that is the only part of town without a park. Property & Parks Director, Randy Coble, informed council that it was still part of the plan but would have to be budgeted for if donations for the equipment are not received.

Mayor Spieth asked if there were any other questions regarding City Property. Opela inquired about the metal sign that was going to be placed at Discovery Park. Coble stated he was waiting for metal pricing to come down before they had the sign made. Farstvedt asked for an update on the sponsorship signs for the Splash Pad. Letner explained that the donations that were received covered the cost of the fencing, so the signs were no longer needed. She then asked if that would help cover the costs of the water expense, he stated Pryor had contacted him today about something similar. Pryor and Letner stated it would be discussed at a future work session.

H.3.A. Discussion: Columbus Fire Department standby services at UTEC facility.

Fire Chief, Steven Burton, shared with council that an agreement was made with UTEC part of the Jayhawk Plant in the Crestline area to provide standby services while they conduct test burns in exchange for a set cost to help cover payroll and fuel. Chief Burton explained his hopes for providing this service to add income to his budget to help with future equipment purchases.

H.3.B. Approve Ordinance 1500 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities.

Opela moved to approve Ordinance 1500 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.3.C. Approve Ordinance 1501 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Codes for Kansas Cities.

Doherty moved to approve Ordinance 1501 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Codes for Kansas Cities. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.4.A. Update: High School Avenue Railroad Crossing.

Railroad finally came up with a solution for the sidewalk at the railroad crossing on High School Street. They will be in town beginning August 11th and the project should take two days. The project will cost the City around \$6,000 to be paid from ARPA funds.

H.4.B. Update: CCLIP.

Letner provided an update on the CCLIP project, citing that until last week the crew had stopped milling around 200 ft. short of the intersection due to failed engineering plans. After review of quantities, they discovered savings and were able to mill and pave the remaining section. They had original planned for a two-inch mill but there was not as much there so the savings allowed us to get this completed without an additional cost. Substantial completion is targeted for the middle of August.

Mayor Spieth inquired about the status of the City's annual street paving project; Coble shared that APAC would be on site in asphalt was completed.

H.4.C. Consider Sidewalk Grant Application – 527 S. Kansas Ave.

Shoemaker moved to approve the Sidewalk Grant Application for 527 S. Kansas Ave. in the amount of \$1,650.00. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Abstained: Opela. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Mayor Spieth and Doherty questioned why a drawing or before pictures were not included in the application, and why the bids were not itemized "like bids."

Wright informed council that the first hearing for the imminent domain would take place tomorrow and for the second hearing it would be a public hearing and wanted to know if the council was on board to utilize the Community Building. Council was in favor of utilizing the Community Building.

H.5.A. Discussion: South Park Drive Sewer Project.

Letner presented a map to council showing the sewer in the area of Park Drive. He reminded council of Mr. Sanders who lives at 802 S. Park Drive and came to council to try and get a solution of sewer bypassing the manhole at the back of his property. He presented the sewer map to explain the different sized lines and the issues that it is creating. He also provided video footage of the view inside the manholes. The City does have easement rights in this area for sewer and water purposes according to the documents that were reviewed at the county.

Letner reached out to contractors and has received two estimates for the proposed project. Tristar Utilities provided an estimate in the amount of \$28,800 recommending sizing up the existing line from a 15-inch to a 24-inch, Asbell Companies provided an estimate at a higher cost recommending utilizing a 10-inch bypass line. Opela made suggestions for the bypass line and questioned how the line could be sized up without the disruption of sewage. Letner stated a temporary bypass would be used as they made the modifications. Opela and Doherty stated that was not listed in the quote that was provided by Tristar Utilities. Further discussion included different ideas to serve as a solution, and council posed several questions including who constructed the map and updates needed. Letner will get more information and provide an update at the next work session.

H.5.B. Consider revised job descriptions for Property & Parks Director and City Mechanic.

Shoemaker moved to approve the revised job descriptions for the Property & Parks Director and City Mechanic. The City Mechanic will now report to the Property & Parks Director. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

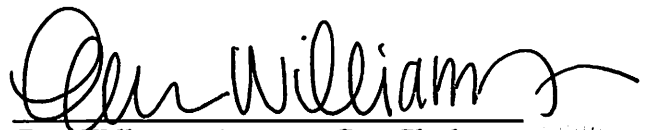
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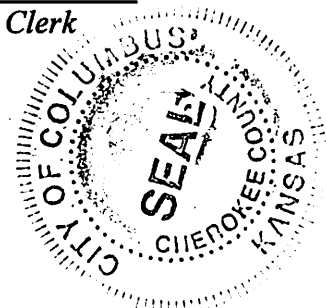
Monday, August 8, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.



Erin Williams, Assistant City Clerk



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