

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2022
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met August 15, 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Doherty moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Council Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2022, Appropriation Ordinance 22-579, Treasurer Report – August 11, 2022, Court Report – August 8, 2022, revising the council meeting minutes to reflect the August 1, 2022 date. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum

Laura Lowery-Green approached the council regarding a Commercial Rehabilitation Matching Grant Application submitted for Maple UnCommon. She stated the roof is leaking and needing attention and spoke to the difficulty finding contractors to provide work estimates for the two like bids requirement. City Administrator Jake Letner informed the application is included in the August 22 work session agenda for council review.

Mayor Report- Mayor Spieth appointed Utility Director Zachary Davis as the Bone Creek PWWSD #11 representative for the City.

BONE CREEK REPRESENTATIVE – ZACHARY DAVIS

Opela moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Utility Director Zachary Davis as the Bone Creek PWWSD #11 representative for the City. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Spieth provided two name badges for council to review. The plan is to have one for each council member.

Staff Reports –

City Administrator Jake Letner welcomed new Utility Director Zachary Davis. Letner provided project updates, including the completion of a sewer line cap near the intersection of Elm & High School by Mayer Specialty and the High School Street sidewalk over the railroad track. Letner also made council aware that county ad valorem tax statements notifying the intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate contained misinformation. The County Clerk acknowledged the error and indicated that corrected statements will be sent out soon.

Property/Parks Director Randy Coble announced that APAC is scheduled to be in town Monday of next week to begin the 2022 paving project. Heckert Construction is delayed and plans to begin the asphalt portion of the CCLIP project on August 30.

New Business-

H.1.A. Consider personnel handbook updates to Article XVII Travel Policy. City Clerk Cherri Chancellor spoke to the memo included in the council packet noting references for the policy revisions. She noted these updates bring the City's policy more in line with area cities and county practices. Recommendations from the council will be included in the policy and brought to the next council work session for review.

H.2.A. Consider proposal for automated fence for public works facility and temporarily raising expenditure authority for Property/Parks Director. Coble gave update for the public works building and asked for approval for an automated entry gate purchase. He noted this will provide added security for the property. Shoemaker moved to approve automated gate purchase for the public works facility not to exceed \$14,507 from Gatewerks to be paid out of utility reserves public works building fund. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Shoemaker moved to increase Property/Parks Director Coble's credit card limit to \$6,000 for 90 days to allow for public works building furnishings purchases. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.5.A. Consider Water Line MOU with USD 493 Central School. Letner spoke to the water line layout discovered when initiating construction on the new school building at the Central School campus. Letner noted there is a 4" water line that extends through the property that is currently owned by the City. With the redesign of the area, it was discussed to have the City relinquish ownership and maintenance responsibility of the line as it only serves the school and meter the water line at Central Street. The Memorandum of Understanding presented tonight, when signed by both parties would make this section of water line a private line moving forward. Mayor Spieth relayed a concern regarding line capping creating stagnant water condition. Letner indicated that construction project managers and Fire Chief Steven Burton were consulted through this process and did not relay concerns. Opela moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with USD 493 privatizing a section of water line on the Central School Campus and allow the Mayor to sign the document. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Letner announced there will be a work session on Monday August 22 at 6:30 p.m.

City Attorney Barbara Wright stated the public hearing for the Safe Routes to School easement process is scheduled for 10 a.m. August 30 at the Community Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

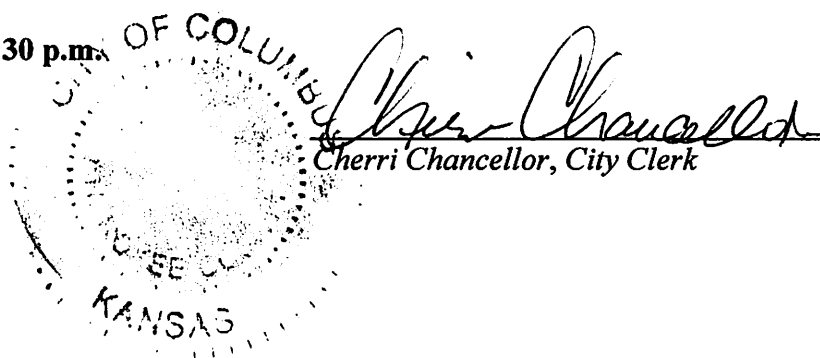
Upcoming Meetings:

Council Work Session

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

Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.



Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk