

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 19, 2022  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met September 19, 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.

Council member Tom Pryor provided the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Council Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2022 as amended, Appropriation Ordinance 22-581, and Court Report – September 12, 2022 Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Staff Reports -**

Police Chief Jason Daniels informed council the department is fully staffed. Denise Burns was recently hired and comes to the office with both Kansas and Missouri certification.

Property/Parks Director Randy Coble advised the council that the City-wide Fall Cleanup will begin September 26. He noted the program will be one week this year with crews picking up one day in each of the five wards.

City Clerk reminded council of the Cherokee County Economic Development Recognition Breakfast coming up on Wednesday, September 28 and asked those wishing to attend to notify her after tonight's meeting.

**New Business-**

**H.2.A. Vehicle Replacement Request Update.** City Administrator Jake Letner reminded that in January 2021 council approved the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 1500 pickup for use in the Animal Control department. Both local car dealers bid on the vehicle, and Jay Hatfield came in with the lowest estimate of \$22,162.95. Since that time there have been issues related to vehicle supply and availability. We have not received the truck to date and we are unlikely to get it any time soon. The price of the vehicle has also increased approximately 40% from the original estimate. Letner noted both he and Chief Daniels agree that a smaller vehicle like a Chevrolet Colorado or Ford Ranger will suit the needs of the department, cost less and would be more readily available for delivery. Letner asked council to approve going out for sealed bids again for an Animal Control vehicle in light of this information. Doherty moved to allow the Administrator to request midsized truck sealed bids for the Animal Control and Public Works Water Department. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**H.2B. Consider FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant.** Letner informed those present that City has been approved for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for a city-wide stormwater analysis, complete with estimates for probable cost for capital improvement projects and a comprehensive analysis of the sewer system focused on identifying and mitigating major sources of I&I. The grant award will be up to \$112,500 and will require a local cash match requirement of 10%. Letner asked council to approve

signing the state/local agreement to accept and the award and get the project underway. Shoemaker moved to move forward with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant and allow the City Administrator to sign the state/local agreement. Pryor 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 6:45 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, September 26, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Council Meeting**

**Monday, October 3, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.**

  
Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

