

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 2, 2022  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met May 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Sammye Opela, Tom Pryor, Lindsay Shoemaker. Council members absent: Stephanie Farstvedt.

Kathy Doherty provided the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Doherty moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Council Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2022, Appropriation Ordinance #22-572, Treasurer Report – April 29, 2022, Personnel Report – April 2022. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

William Farmer of 530 S. Indiana expressed frustration of the City’s poly cart program. He stated that he doesn’t believe that residents should be given poly carts and then be told how to use them. He believes trash should not be required to be in bags.

**Mayor Report-**

Mayor Spieth appointed Jake Letner to the Spring River #19 Board.

**SPRING RIVER #19 BOARD – *Jake Letner***

Opela moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Jake Letner to the Spring River #19 Board. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carries 4-0.

Mayor Spieth read proclamations acknowledging Municipal Clerk’s Week (May 1-7), Public Service Recognition Week (May 1-7), National Police Week (May 11-17), and Public Works Week (May 15-21), and thanked City employees for their hard work and dedication to the City of Columbus.

**Awards & Presentations-**

Mayor Spieth presented a Years of Service Award to Sanitation Collector, Kenneth Mitchell, who has been with the City for five years. He thanked Mr. Mitchell for his dedication and service to the citizens of Columbus.

**Staff Reports-** None.

## **New Business-**

### **H.1.A. Consider Ordinance 1495, continuation of half cent sales tax.**

Pryor moved to approve Ordinance 1495, continuation of half cent sales tax. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Discussion included Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> as the proposed date for the election and end of June as the certification timeline. Voting aye: Doherty, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Consider approval of Special Question.**

City Attorney, Barbara Wright, read the special question aloud informing the council that the rate would take effect July 1, 2022, and would continue through January 31, 2029. Pryor moved to approve the special question for the ballot. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

### **H.3.A. Consider approval of used Kansas Highway Patrol 2020 Dodge Charger police vehicle purchase totaling \$22,600 to be paid from Reserve Funds.**

Opela moved to approve the purchase of used Kansas Highway Patrol 2020 Dodge Charger police vehicle totaling \$22,600 to be paid from Reserve Funds. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Chief Daniels stated the 2020 Dodge Charger is anticipated to be available sometime in the month of May, and that this would be the last vehicle purchase for his department for 2022. Voting aye: Doherty, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Daniels informed the council that one of the current patrol cars received minor damage the week before and that it would be repaired soon.

### **H.4.A. Consider Ordinance 1496 vacating a portion of the street between lot 126 & 83 in Lakewood West subdivision.**

Doherty moved to approve Ordinance 1496 vacating a portion of the street between lot 126 & 83 in the Lakewood West subdivision. Pryor seconded the motion. Wright mentioned that the portion of the street leads to the lake and the request to vacate came from the homeowners. Voting aye: Doherty, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

### **H.4.B. Consider Resolution 624, Safe Routes To School Phase 3.**

Opela moved to approve Resolution 624, Safe Routes To School Phase 3. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Letner stated KDOT requires a resolution as support of the project. The estimate that was received from BG Consultants showed the total cost of the project as \$432,000, with an 80/20 match. The City's portion of the project would be \$140,000 and would be split over two years, out of the street & mill budget. The section of street that was identified would be on the south side of Maple St. starting at Highschool Street and lead out to Riverside, to eventually connect to Eddington Park. This stemming from an effort to connect the schools to the parks. If the project is not approved this is a non-binding agreement. Voting aye: Doherty, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

No action taken.

Letner stated there was no update from FEMA on the Stormwater Grant.

Opela asked for an update on the Community Development Coordinator position. Letner stated that so far, we had received one solid applicant.

An update was provided for the sidewalk on High School Street, the railroad will design and construct leaving the City to only be responsible for the cost of the supplies. Pryor confirmed that the City would no longer be responsible for the cost of the engineer. Opela questioned if the portion of sidewalk was ever included in the original plans. Letner stated that an initial application was put in but the follow through was not there. The plans never showed that portion completed, and on the SRTS plans it was included on the plans. Once the railroad sends over the design, we will have an estimate for the cost.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Work Session**

**Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Council Meeting**

**Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Splash Pad Grand Opening**

**Friday, May 20, 2022 from 4-7 p.m.**



*Erin Williams, Assistant City Clerk*

