

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

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met December 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Opela, Tom Pryor, Lindsay Shoemaker. Council members absent: None.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance 22-587, Council Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2022, Municipal Court Docket Summary – December 12, 2022 and Cereal Malt Beverage License renewals for American Legion, American Legion Beverage Hut, Casey’s General Store, Dollar General, Fast Mart and G & W Foods. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dexter Opela of 615 South Kansas approached the council with concerns regarding city operations, the recent reorganization of the Public Works Department and the promotion of Randy Coble to the Superintendent position.

Mayor –

Appointed Randy Coble to represent the City on the Bone Creek PWWSD #11 Board of Directors.

Doherty moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Randy Coble as the City representative to the Bone Creek PWWSD #11 Board of Directors. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Staff Reports –

City Administrator Report -

-The cost of water purchased from Spring River will increase by \$.25 to \$6.25 per thousand effective January 1, 2023.

City Clerk Report –

-Employee luncheon Friday at noon at the new Public Works building. City Hall will be closed from noon to 1 pm to allow all employees to participate.

-Working on year end projects/reports.

Police Chief Report-

-New Animal Control truck is ready for service. The old unit will be utilized in public works.

-Square 9 document storage project is moving forward. Installation and training will be complete in the coming weeks and the plan is to be using the new system about March 2023.

Community Development Coordinator Report-

- working on application for small grant through the tobacco coalition advocating vaping cessation
- found a 1/1 match grant for body camera equipment for the police department.
- moving forward with the indoor tobacco free policy through the KDHE Chronic Disease Risk Reduction with area establishments.

Public Works Superintendent Report-

- The new Public Works building is ready for the employee luncheon tomorrow.
- Purple Wave representative was here today to photograph and list auction vehicles previously approved by council for liquidation.

New Business-

H1A. Cereal Malt Beverage License – Family Dollar. City Clerk Chancellor informed council the Family Dollar has submitted a Cereal Malt Beverage License application for the new store on Kansas Street. This was not included in the consent agenda as it is a new license rather than an annual renewal. Pryor moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Family Dollar. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

H1B. Executive Session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for employee leave update. Pryor called for a five-minute executive session at 7:00 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for an employee leave update with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Meeting will reconvene at 7:05 p.m. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 7:05 p.m.

Pryor moved to approve unpaid leave for Kenneth Mitchell up to January 17, 2023. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

H5A. Consider purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Colorado from Jay Hatfield Chevrolet – to be paid from Utility Reserves. Doherty moved to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chevy Colorado from Hatfield Chevrolet in the amount of \$27,708.33 for the water department to be paid out of Utility Reserves. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Upcoming Events:

**Employee Holiday Potluck Dinner
Friday, December 16, 2022 @ noon**


Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

