

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 20, 2023  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met March 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Tom Pryor, Lindsay Shoemaker, Stephanie Farstvedt (6:32 p.m.).

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Pryor moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance 23-596, Council Work Session Minutes – March 6, 2023, with correction, Work Session Minutes – March 13, 2023, Municipal Court Docket Summary – March 13, 2023, Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor** - Mayor Spieth read the Volunteer Appreciation Proclamation designating the month of April 2023 as “Volunteer Appreciation Month” in the City of Columbus and thanked all volunteers for their service to our community.

**Staff Reports-**

**City Treasurer Report** – City Treasurer Doug Mogle updated the City Council on the status of city funds in light of the recent bank runs. Mr. Mogle assured the Council & staff that city funds were safe, secure, and insured. Local funds are vested with American Bank and additional monies are vested with the KMIT pooled funds.

**City Administrator Report** – Administrator Letner advised that the Stormwater Study Kick-Off Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 PM.

**City Clerk Report** – No updates.

**Police Chief Report –**

-Police Chief Jason Daniels reported that earlier that morning three vehicles, including one police vehicle, were shot by a BB gun near High School Street and Central Street. At this time, he does not believe it was targeted at school children.

-New records software management implementation is progressing nicely. Staff will be making entries and training on the new software soon.

**Fire Chief Report** - No updates. Mayor Grant Spieth asked if there were any burn bans in effect. Fire Chief Steven Burton responded that there were none yet, but they were asking residents not to burn today because of the windy conditions.

**Superintendent Report** - Public Works Superintendent Randy Coble reported that he and Supervisor Justin Rogers would be attending the Kansas Rural Water Conference from March 28th through the 30th.

**New Business –**

**G.1.A. Consider 2023-2024 Property/Liability Insurance Proposal from EMC.**

Wally Wilson from Ryan Insurance discussed the changes in the 2023-2024 insurance proposal. Doherty made a motion that the city accept the annual insurance proposal from EMC at a cost of \$105,775.00. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**G.1.B. Consider Resolution 641, waiver of GAAP Principles for the Fiscal Year 2023.** Shoemaker made a motion to accept Resolution 641, waiver of GAAP Principles for the fiscal year 2023, seconded by Farstvedt. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**G.1.C. Consider Resolution 642, Condemnation Hearing for 310 N. Railroad.** Pryor made a motion to accept Resolution 642, setting a condemnation hearing for 310 N. Railroad for May 1, 2023. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**G.1.D. Consider approval of Financial Audit Contract from Diehl, Banwart, and Bolton.** Doherty made a motion to accept the contract from Diehl, Banwart, and Bolton to perform the city's audit for a total fee of \$11,025.00. Motion was seconded by Pryor. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**G.2.A. Consider Resolution 643, Commitment of City Funds for CATV Tower Deconstruction in the amount of \$7,968.00.** Shoemaker made a motion to accept Resolution 643. Motion was seconded by Doherty. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**G.5.A. Public Works.** Shoemaker made a motion to approve the new salary schedule including the Maintenance Worker II job description. Motion was seconded by Doherty. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Shoemaker called for a fifteen-minute executive session at 7:32 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to discuss employee discipline with the Council, Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk in attendance. Regular session will resume at 7:47 p.m. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 7:47 p.m.  
No action taken.

Shoemaker called for a five-minute executive session at 7:50 p.m. for personal matters of non-elected personnel to discuss employee discipline with the Council, Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk in attendance. Regular session will resume at 7:55 p.m. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular session 7:55 p.m.  
No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Shoemaker moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Farstvedt, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**Upcoming Events:**

**City Council Meeting – Monday, April 3, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.**

  
Ruth Hutley, City Clerk

