

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

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met November 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Tom Pryor, Lindsay Shoemaker, Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt and Wiley Sanders. Council members absent: none.

Cody Bohall from First Christian Church provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance #23-612, City Council Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2023, and Municipal Court Docket Summary – November 13, 2023. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Shoemaker, Sanders, Farstvedt. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Grant Spieth reported that the Junior Leadership Columbus class recently visited City Hall. The Junior Leadership class is sponsored by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator – City Administrator Jake Letner reported that the Public Works department installed Christmas lights on the downtown square this week. He reminded the Council that the city offices will be closed on November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

City Clerk – City Clerk Ruth Hutley reported that the city staff Thanksgiving luncheon was held on November 17 at the Public Works building.

-Hutley stated she recently attended the City Clerk and Municipal Finance Officers' conference in Wichita, KS.

-Hutley announced that the city employee open enrollment for benefits is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6. Representatives from Bukaty Companies will be attending to answer questions and assist with enrollments.

Police Department – Police Chief Jason Daniels reported that the police department is now fully staffed. Animal Control Officer Sierra Shannon has accepted an offer to transition to the police department. She will be attending the police academy as soon as possible.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Steven Burton reported that the number of emergency calls is down by 50 from this time last year.

-Burton said the Fire Department will be grilling hamburgers before the Christmas Parade on November 29 as part of their Freedom Fest fundraiser. They will be located by the clock tower on the square.

Public Works – Public Works Superintendent Randy Coble reported that a motor at the city's north sewer lift station went out and a new one had to be ordered.

-Coble said the landscaping project at City Hall has now been completed.

-Coble reported the citywide leaf pick up is scheduled from November 27 through December 8.

-Coble said the restrooms at the city parks will be closed this week for the season. The Discovery Park restroom will remain open until after the Christmas Parade.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Authorizing Mayor Grant Spieth and City Administrator Jake Letner to Sign and Execute All Documents and Forms associated with the CDBG-CVR Grant.

City Administrator Jake Letner led the discussion regarding the CDBG-CVR Grant for Titan Fitness. The grant funds will be used by Titan Fitness for a new HVAC system and keyless door entry system. Pryor made a motion to authorize Mayor Grant Spieth and City Administrator Jake Letner to sign and execute all documents and forms associated with the CDBG-CVR Grant. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Shoemaker, Sanders, Farstvedt. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider 2024 Street Maintenance & Repair Plan.

City Superintendent Randy Coble led the discussion on the proposed street maintenance and repair plan for 2024. The plan includes curb and gutter as well as paving in the 100 block of South Vermont, asphalt overlay on the 100-400 blocks of North Vermont, curb and gutter and paving on the 400 block of West Pine and overlay in the 100-500 blocks of West Country Road. All roads overlaid in these areas with existing curb and gutter will include grading and milling near the curb to ensure proper drainage. Pursuant to city policy, the street work is put out for competitive bid. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the 2024 street maintenance and repair plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Doherty. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Shoemaker, Sanders, Farstvedt. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Doherty made a motion at 6:53 p.m. to go into executive session for 10 minutes for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Administrator and Police Chief in attendance. The motion was seconded by Pryor. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Shoemaker, Sanders, Farstvedt. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

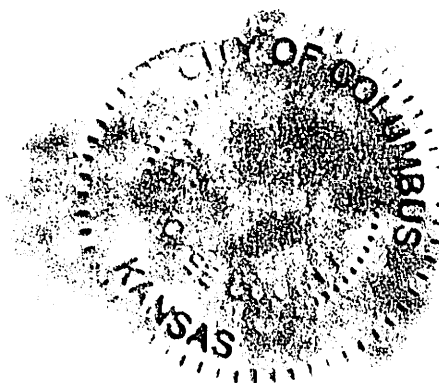
Regular session at 7:03 p.m. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Shoemaker, Pryor, Sanders, Farstvedt. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- **City Council Meeting – Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**




Ruth Hutley, City Clerk