

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2023
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met December 4, 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.

Pastor Dorcia Johnson from Columbus Methodist Church provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Farstvedt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance #23-613, City Council Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2023, and Municipal Court Docket Summary – November 27, 2023. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Pryor, Shoemaker, Sanders, Farstvedt. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Grant Spieth reported that City Administrator Jake Letner has received an Early Career Excellence Award from the Kansas Association of City/County Management. Letner received his award during the KACM Annual Conference in Dodge City, Kansas.

STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator – City Administrator Jake Letner reported that the city will be taking sealed bids through the end of the month on a popcorn machine that is no longer used.

-Letner reported that per Ordinance No. 1462, the water and sewer user fees shall increase 3%, beginning January 1, 2024. Letner said the incremental increases are advisable to keep pace with inflation and continued maintenance needs.

City Clerk – no report.

Police Department – no report.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Steven Burton reported that \$1,700 was raised for the Freedom Fest Event during the recent firefighter cook out held during the Christmas Parade.

-Burton said the Shopping with a Firefighter initiative will begin next week.

Public Works – Public Works Superintendent Randy Coble reported that one of the high service pumps at the city’s clearwell locked up recently and will need to be repaired or replaced.

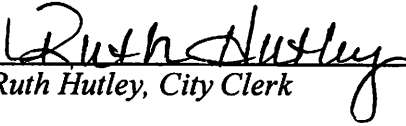
-Coble reported that Pinegar Construction will be starting curb and sidewalk repairs on the corner of Maple and Pennsylvania this week.

ADJOURNMENT

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Shoemaker, Pryor, Sanders, Farstvedt. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- **City Council Work Session Meeting – Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**
- **City Council Meeting – Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**


Ruth Hutley, City Clerk

