

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 1, 2024  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met April 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Laura Epler, Tom Pryor, Wiley Sanders, and Lindsay Shoemaker (via Zoom). Council members absent: None.

Juanita Dobkins from Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Doherty moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Appropriation Ordinance #24-624 – April 1, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2024, and Municipal Court Docket Summary – March 25, 2024. Pryor seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Epler, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**MAYOR**

**Appointments to Columbus Public Library Board**

Doherty made a motion to approve the mayor’s appointments of Carley Rowten and Miranda Eaton to the Columbus Public Library Board, with both terms expiring April 1, 2028. The motion was seconded by Sanders. Voting aye: Doherty, Epler, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Appointment to Columbus Recreation Commission**

Pryor made a motion to approve the mayor’s re-appointment of Anna Moser to the Columbus Recreation Commission with her term expiring February 28, 2028. The motion was seconded by Shoemaker. Voting aye: Doherty, Epler, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**City Administrator** – City Administrator Jake Letner reported that the city’s annual financial audit was completed, and the auditor will be at an upcoming council meeting to deliver the report.

-Letner shared information about a recent, productive comprehensive plan steering committee meeting. A public meeting is scheduled for April 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building to gather input from citizens on their ideas for the future for Columbus. The meeting is open to the public and pizza and drinks will be furnished.

**City Clerk** – City Clerk Ruth Hutley reported that she is recruiting and conducting interviews for lifeguard positions at the City Pool. She said 8 positions have been filled so far with a total of 12-15 lifeguards needed for the summer.

**Fire Department** – Fire Chief Steven Burton reported that the department has responded to 170 emergency calls year-to-date.

-Chief Burton reported there will be a cookout at the end of this month with proceeds going to the annual Freedom Fest event which is scheduled for July 6, 2024.

**Police Department** – no report.

**Public Works** – no report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consider Mobile Home Placement Application for 408 W. Elm.**

City Administrator Jake Letner opened the discussion regarding an application for mobile home placement at 408 W. Elm. The homeowner, Cari Martin, was present and answered questions from the council. Based on lot limitations, the mobile home application was unable to be considered. Letner indicated that he would follow up with the applicant and no action was taken.

#### **Consider Authorizing the Purchase of a 2021 Ford F-150 Super Crew and the Purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 3500.**

Public Works Superintendent Randy Coble opened the discussion regarding the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-150 Super Crew Pickup in the amount of \$28,995 and the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 in the amount of \$31,995. Funds for the purchases would come from the Vehicle Replacement Reserves. Doherty made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-150 Super Crew and a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 3500. Epler seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Epler, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Consider Authorizing Staff to List a 2011 Ford F-150 and 2005 Chevrolet Flatbed Cab & Chassis at Public Auction.**

Epler made a motion to authorize staff to list a 2011 Ford F-150 and 2005 Chevrolet Flatbed Cab & Chassis for sale at public auction. Proceeds from the sales of the vehicles would replenish reserve funds used for future vehicle purchases. The motion was seconded by Sanders. Voting aye: Doherty, Epler, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

### **STREETS/ALLEYS/BRIDGES/STORMWATER**

#### **Consider Approval of the Proposal from Emery Sapp & Sons for the Additions to the 2024 Street Maintenance & Repair in the amount of \$29,496.00.**

Public Works Superintendent Randy Coble led the discussion regarding the proposal from Emery Sapp & Sons for additions to the 2024 street maintenance & repair list. The additional repairs would be a 2” mill and overlay at the 700 block of South Vermont and a 1.5” overlay at the 700-800 blocks of South Park Dr. Doherty made a motion to approve the proposal from Emery Sapp & Sons for additions to the 2024 Street Maintenance & Repair in the amount of \$29,496.00. The motion was seconded by Shoemaker. Voting aye: Doherty, Epler, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Doherty called for a fifteen-minute executive session at 7:04 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. The motion was seconded by Epler. Voting aye: Doherty, Epler, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Returned to regular session 7:19 p.m.

No action taken.

Doherty called for a 10-minute executive session at 7:20 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. The motion was seconded

by Shoemaker. Voting aye: Doherty, Epler, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Returned to regular session 7:30 p.m.  
No action taken.

Pryor called for a 5-minute executive session at 7:31 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. The motion was seconded by Shoemaker. Voting aye: Doherty, Epler, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Returned to regular session 7:36 p.m.  
No action taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Shoemaker, Sanders, Pryor and Epler. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **City Council Work Session – Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**
- **City Council Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Planning Commission Steering Committee Public Meeting – Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Community Building.**

  
Ruth Hutley, City Clerk

