

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

February 2, 2015  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met February 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Dale Burton, Jerri Burton, Barbara Capron, Mike Leighty, Marion Morgan, Thomas Niegisch, Alvin Patterson, Dewey Smith. Council members absent: Drew Richards.

Rick Prideaux from the Nazarene Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

David Martin took the oath of office of third ward council member, filling the vacancy created by Gary Smith's resignation. Smith's resignation and Martin's appointment were both approved at the January 20, 2015 council meeting.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Burton Jerri moved to approve Council Meeting minutes from January 20, 2015 as presented. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Martin. Motion carried 8-0-1.

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Niegisch moved to approve Special Meeting minutes from January 23, 2015 as presented. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Martin. Motion carried 8-0-1.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 14-372**

Burton Dale moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 14-372 as presented. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-373**

Burton Dale moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 15-373 as presented. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**FUND SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Capron moved to commit \$300,000.00 to the sewer rehabilitation project; \$220,000 from transfer out to utility reserve and \$80,000.00 from the remaining sewer bond money. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**BID EAST MILL BRIDGE**

Smith moved to allow City Superintendent to go out for bids on East Mill Street bridge. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT INVESTMENT**

Leighty moved to invest \$100,000.00 per month for each of the next 12 months from City Investment account at American Bank to existing Certificates of Deposit at Labette Bank. Niegisch seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**LONGEVITY PAY – JEFF WOODS**

Morgan moved to approve longevity pay for Jeff Woods, Equipment Operator II, in the amount of \$410.60 payable the first payroll of December 2015. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**STEP INCREASE – ROY DAVIS**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Roy Davis, Mechanic, from \$15.65 to \$16.04 per hour, Range 13 Step H retro to January 18, 2015. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**STEP INCREASE- ANNE SHARP**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Anne Sharp, Master Police Officer and Resource Officer, from \$14.49 to \$14.83 per hour, Range 10 Step K per Appendix A-1, effective March 1, 2015. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**STEP INCREASE – KYLE CLARK**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Kyle Clark, Police Sergeant, from \$12.07 to \$13.26 per hour, Range 11 Step A per Ordinance #1300, effective February 15, 2015. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**STEP INCREASE - JASON DANIELS**

Morgan moved to approve step increase for Jason Daniels, Chief of Police, from \$16.26 to \$16.65 per hour, Range 15 Step A per Appendix A-1 retro to December 7, 2014. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADVERTISE FOR POOL ATTENDANTS/ LIFE GUARDS/CEMTERY LABORER**

Morgan moved to allow City Clerk to advertise for Swimming Pool Attendants, Lifeguards and Part – Time Temporary Seasonal Laborers for the cemetery. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Patterson called for a five minute executive session at 7:12 p.m. for matters of non-elected personnel with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Chief of Police, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 9-0.

**REGULAR SESSION: 7:17 P.M.**

**RESIGNATION – ROSEANN HOGAN**

Morgan moved to accept the resignation of Roseann Hogan, Police Officer II, effective January 29, 2015 not in good standing. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Burton Dale called for a five minute executive session at 7:18 p.m. for matters of non-elected personnel with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Chief of Police, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: none. Motion carried 9-0.

**REGULAR SESSION: 7:23 P.M.**

**RELEASE EMPLOYEE**

Morgan moved to terminate Police Officer I George Stubblefield February 2, 2015 with cause. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**PROMOTE POLICE OFFICER – ZACHARY HATFIELD**

Morgan moved to promote Zachary Hatfield from Reserve Police Officer to Police Officer I with a wage of \$10.31 per hour Range 8 Step A per Appendix A-1. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADVERTISE FOR POLICE OFFICER**

Morgan moved to allow City Clerk to advertise for a full time police officer. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**BID BUILDING**

Smith moved to allow City Superintendent to bid siding options for the newly exposed exterior wall of the Community Health of Southeast Kansas building at 120 W. Pine due to the demolition of the Methodist Thrift Shop. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**COUNCIL PACKET DEADLINE**

Leighty moved to have Thursday noon before a council meeting the official deadline for submitting material to the City Clerk for Council Packets. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Niegisch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**Meetings:**

**Personnel**

Wednesday February 4, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m.

**Property/ Pools/Parks**

Tuesday February 10, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.

  
Cherri Chancellor  
Cherri Chancellor City Clerk