

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 2015
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met April 6, 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, David Martin, Marion Morgan, Thomas Niegisch (6:31), Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, Dewey Smith. Council members absent: None.

Alvin Patterson, Council member, led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Burton Jerri moved to approve Council Meeting minutes from March 16, 2015 as presented. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-378

Burton Dale moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 15-378 as presented. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VISITOR – LOS LUNAS

Attorney John Bullard approached the council on behalf of Los Lunas Mexican Restaurant. Mr. Bullard informed the council Los Lunas is in the process of applying for an alcohol license through the State. The restaurant is requesting a wavier similar to the cereal malt beverage exemption previously issued by the City if this license is approved by the State. City Attorney Robert Myers advised the council the current City Code 3-306 would have to be amended for the governing body to be able to consider a waiver following a public notice and hearing similar to the cereal malt beverage provision in section 3-206.

AMEND CITY CODE

Niegisch moved to amend Columbus City Code Section 3-306 to allow the governing body to consider exemption for distance limitation regarding a liquor license. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Niegisch, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: Morgan, Patterson. Motion carried 8-2.

BRIDGE BID OPENING

City Superintendent opened a single sealed bid for the bridge project on Mill Street from Bennett Construction of Lamar, Missouri in the amount of \$12,940.00.

BRIDGE BID

Niegisch moved to accept the bid from Bennett Construction from Lamar, Missouri on the Mill Street bid project not to exceed \$12,940.00 and allow Mayor to sign all necessary documents. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

CEMETERY MOWER

Burton Dale moved to accept the bid from Jay Hatfield in Pittsburg, Kansas of \$2,999.00 for new Husqvarna mower for the City Cemeteries to be paid out of #01-300-57800. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Burton Jerri. Motion carried 9-0-1.

2014 CITY AUDIT

Burton Jerri moved to accept the proposal from Diehl Banwart Bolton CPA to conduct the 2014 audit for the City not to exceed \$10,075. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

RESOLUTION #461

Burton Dale moved to adopt Resolution #461– *A Resolution Fixing A Time And Place And Providing For Notice Of A Hearing Before The Governing Body Of The City Of Columbus, Kansas for 1413 East Oak. This matter is set for hearing on the 18th day of May 2015, at 6:30 p.m.* Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

HIRE POOL MANAGERS

Burton Jerri moved to hire Buddy Derfelt and Breann Qualls for the position of 2015 Pool Managers. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: Burton Dale, Martin. Motion carried 8-2.

NEW BUSINESS

Burton Dale moved to allow Jay Saiz to operate a wrecker and towing service within the City. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Smith. Voting nay: Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards. Motion failed 3-7.

EXTEND CANOPY – CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Smith moved to allow the Christian Church to extend the canopy on the east side of the Church at the alley three feet, making the awning as high as possible and removing the City from any liability if the canopy is struck by any vehicle or if the concrete walk is hooked during grading of the alley or City property is damaged. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

CARRY OVER TO RESERVE FUNDS

Leighty moved to transfer the following to the Reserve Funds: **Administration**- \$2,000; **Streets** - \$50,000, Capital Reserve; **Cemetery** - \$3,000, Equipment Reserve; **Parks** - \$30,000, Capital Reserve; **Pool** - \$9,000, Equipment Reserve; **Property** - \$85,000, 50% Capital Reserve, 50% Equipment Reserve; **Police** - \$25,000, Capital Reserve; **Animal Control** - \$500, Equipment Reserve; **Fire** - \$25,000, Equipment Reserve; **Garbage** – \$25,000; **Water** \$30,000; **Sewer** - \$102,000. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER - DEMOLITION

Capron moved to approve an additional \$25,000 to Police Capital Reserve to be designated for demolition expense. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE 1st YEAR LIFE GUARDS

Morgan moved to hire Ashley Murillo and Landin Soper for the position of 1st year Lifeguard with a starting wage of \$7.28 per hour Range 4 Step C providing they pass all pre-employment screenings. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

PROMOTION TO POLICE OFFICER II – CORKY HICKS

Morgan moved to approve promotion of Corky Hicks to the position of Police Officer II, at a rate of \$11.03 per hour Range 9 Step A per Appendix A-1 due to his graduation from the Police Academy with pay increase retro to February 6, 2015 graduation date. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

COMPUTER LEASE

Capron moved to approve a 36 month lease from Dell Computer in the amount of \$119.82 per month for computer, monitor and printer for the City Administrator and authorize the Mayor to sign necessary documents. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: Burton Dale, Morgan, Niegisch. Abstain: Smith. Motion carried 6-3-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Burton Jerri called for a five minute executive session at 8:27 p.m. for matters of non-elected personnel with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Superintendent, Chief of Police, and City Clerk in attendance. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:32 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Niegisch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Niegisch, Patterson, Richards, Smith. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

Meetings:

None

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk