

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 17, 2008

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met March 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Harley McDaniel presided. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Steve Dunlap, Doug Hosier, Marie Nepple, John Paradee, Dewey Smith, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: None.

Father Chrysostom Ah Maung led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Harley McDaniel called for additions or correction to the minutes of the March 03, 2008 council meeting. Hosier moved to accept the minutes of the March 03, 2008 council meeting. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Burton. Motion carried: 9-0 1-A.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #08-177**

Burton moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance # 08-177. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

**City Administrator Evan Capron report:**

1. Next week the City Superintendent and I will be attending the Rural Water meeting in Wichita for about 3 or 4 days.
2. We finally have all the Property easements and Utility right-of-ways cleared for the highway 69 widening project. I will soon be filling out the paperwork this week and submitting it to KDOT.
3. I met with Mrs. Stone this evening in regards to the house to be torn down by March 17,2008 in the 400 block of South Pennsylvania Ave. She indicates that she and her husband Bobby will have the gas turned off and the water meter removed this week, a roll off dumpster delivered and will have the garage torn down within the next 2 weeks. They then will take the tree down and the house next. She indicated that they hope to have it completed in 4 weeks at which time I will update the council again on April 21. She came in with a headache and I told her I would take care of it for her.
4. The City Superintendent and I have had several meetings with FEMA representatives and have been passing on expense records. We have discussed the park, city streets, alleys and cemetery for brush removal. The representative gave me a FEMA project worksheet listing the Category F (Permanent Work) on Utilities (water & sewer) as a result of the records I have provided. The amount is for \$12,970.88. The City will receive a check for 75% or \$9,728.16. I received this today, have reviewed it, verified the numbers and I have copies if anyone would like to see it. Councilmember Spieth asked what this was for. Evan told him for labor, materials, contracts on such things as switches, chlorine pump, switches on generator that were damaged during the ice storm. It is things we had to have repaired that is considered a Category F according to FEMA. This has nothing to do with the generator time or fuel that went through the generators or with debris cleanup. Emergency work for generators and fuel is category B. Next after that will be

debris cleanup which is considered under the Pilot Program. By accepting this check it does not commit us to the Pilot Program. I want to make that very clear.

5. The City Superintendent, Mayor and I attended a n Emergency Management follow up meeting to the Ice Storm of December 9, 2007. From this meeting I have come away with some ideas on being better prepared for the next disaster. I will be working on these points and bring it up later for presentation.
6. I need a 30 minute executive session for personnel matters on non-elected personnel.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dunlap moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes from 6:44 pm to 7:14 pm on personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Council Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney and Don Kirk in attendance. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

### **REGULAR SESSION 7:14 PM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dunlap moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes from 7:15 pm to 7:30 pm on personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Council Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney and Don Kirk in attendance. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

### **REGULAR SESSION 7:30 PM**

#### **DESIGNATE 2 TEMPORARY RELIEF DRIVERS- *STEVE BURTON, JASON ALLISON***

Burton moved to designate Steve Burton & Jason Allison as temporary relief drivers to fill cap while David Swathwood is ill, Range 6 Step A \$8:03 and hour with no benefits. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Abstaining: Burton. Motion carried: 9-0 1-A.

#### **PURCHASE FIRE TRUCK**

Smith Dewey moved to go ahead with purchasing fire truck to be paid out of the Smoky Fund, with the stipulation that we strongly suggest that such a purchase does not happen again without the council approval. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: Nepple, Wellmeier. Motion carried: 8-2.

#### **TRANSFER FUNDS TO SMOKEY FUND**

Spieth moved to transfer funds from the City in GL# 01-900-57790 into the Smoky Fund. This is the \$15,000 we are paying back each year as the Fire Department has donated that money over the years and it had gone back into the City revenue and had not been separated so now the City is paying it back. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

### **City Superintendent Jim Burton report:**

1. We have ordered the bricks for the City Pool which is a pallet for around \$360 and we found them over at Joplin. They will be in the last of March and we have already contacted them to schedule for him to put them in.
2. The Cemetery burn site, which is a permanent burn site had been inspected and it is okay as there is nothing out there that is not suppose to be.
3. I have a bill here that is going to be hard to okay the dollar amount because some of the stuff has been returned and I have been waiting to get the bill with credits added. It is for Water Products and the total bill is \$3,873.12. There are some charges for things we did not receive, 2 items for \$480 and another item that will be charged back to Prestige to hook up that fire system out there.

### **PURCHASE PARTS FROM WATER PRODUCTS**

Smith Gary moved to purchase parts from Water Products in the amount of \$3,873.12, to be paid out of GL# 06-000-57674, and to bill Prestige for their part. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

4. I and Eric Davolt went to a Stage 2 Disinfectant training school through Kansas Water last week.
5. Park clean up is going good. We had a group in there Saturday even with the rain and such. They got a lot of brush picked up and a lot of hangers down out of the trees.
6. We have been cleaning the cemeteries up at least 2 or 3 days a week.
7. I received a letter from B-3 stating their tonnage rate has gone up. They do not take tires anymore. They gave us a company out of Pittsburg where we could take tires. Last year we didn't even take tires during clean up.

### **City Clerk Janice Blancett report:**

1. In your packet is a registration for a Municipal Leadership Academy on personnel management with the closest one being in Olathe on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> and if anyone is interested please get with me so I can get it sent in.
2. I attended the 58<sup>th</sup> annual CCMFOA Spring Conference in Wichita last week and some of the classes I attended were: Annexation procedures, Family Medical Leave Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, Youth Employment provisions and a final one, which was mind blowing was New Audit Standards. A lot of this is geared toward fraud. It was suggested to have our auditor come to a council meeting before conducting the audit and explain a little as to what has changed for him and the City. The class was only 1 hour long and this is actually a 4 hour session, so we were given handouts. (8 pages front and back). There were 8 new Statements of Auditing Standards relating to the auditor alone.
3. I need a 10 minutes executive session on confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties with Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, Police Chief, City Superintendent and myself in attendance.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dunlap moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes from 7:47 pm to 7:57 pm on confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties with Council Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, Police Chief, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

### **REGULAR SESSION 7:57 PM**

### **LIMIT ON CREDIT CARD POOL**

Spieth moved to raise the pool limit on the City credit card pool to \$15,000, with the limits on the individuals to remain the same as stated before; *City Administrator - \$4,000, City Superintendent - \$2,000, Chief of Police - \$2,000 and City Clerk - \$2,500*. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

### **PURCHASE VOLUTE**

Smith Gary moved to purchase a Volute in the amount of \$2,342 plus freight from Smith & Loveless and to be paid out of GL# 07-000-57620. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

### **PURCHASE CHEMICAL FOR POOL**

Hosier moved to purchase chemicals for the City Pool in the amount of \$6,650.50 including freight from Quality Pools Inc. and to be paid out of GL# 01-450-58210. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

### **EMPLOYEE ANNUAL STEP INCREASE – STEPHEN MATTICE**

Nepple moved to give annual step increase to Stephen Matice to \$11.28 Range 9 Step B, per Appendix A-1, due March 6, 2008 and payable on the March 28, 2008 payroll and retro pay back to the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

### **EMPLOYEE ANNUAL STEP INCREASE – CASEY ROBERTS**

Nepple moved to give annual step increase to Casey Roberts to \$11.07 Range 8 Step H, per Appendix A, due March 5, 2008 and payable on the March 28, 2008 payroll and retro pay back to the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

Fire Chief Don Kirk informed the Council that they had tested the storm sirens last Wednesday and we had problems with a couple of them. We have contacted a place out of Pittsburg and they are to come down and take a look at them. The one at the Park didn't sound and one out here did not sound. We are going to start doing a weekly test with weather permitting.

City Superintendent Jim Burton informed the Council that Dave Robison with PEC contacted him Friday and to his understanding KDOT is going to pay the total amount of the engineering of the water line replacement out by Pizza Hut. After that we will have to see how much of the water line replacement they are going to pay.

### **City Attorney Barbara Wright report:**

1. The Hodge case depositions have been continued to a new date of March 28<sup>th</sup> and hoping we can get those finished up then.
2. I have heard nothing from David Calvert regarding the SKIL issues and their complaints with our ADA progress. I don not know how to interpret that silence. Councilmember Hosier asked if there were so many days they have to respond and City Attorney told him no. There is no deadline. This is a open ended opportunity for them, I suppose, to bring

this case back to an active status with the court. Having heard nothing I'm hoping that is good news but I don't know.

**Mayor Harley McDaniel report:**

1. On March the 7<sup>th</sup> I attended the graduation in Hutchison for Andrew Estrada one of our Police Officers. It was class 195 and I went back today to check, as I graduated from the same school, in class 26.
2. I would like to comment on how well the Park is shaping up and wish to thank all who have volunteered.

**Meetings:**

**Fire**

Wednesday March 19, 2008 @ 5:45 pm

**Personnel**

Wednesday March 19, 2008 @ 6:00 pm

**Work Session**

Wednesday March 19, 2008 @ 6:30 pm

**Budget & Finance**

Wednesday March 19, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

**City Property**

Monday March 31, 2008 @ 6:00 pm

**Police & License**

Monday March 31, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

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*Janice Blancett, City Clerk*