

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 21, 2008

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met April 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Harley McDaniel presided. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Doug Hosier, Marie Nepple, John Paradee, Dewey Smith, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: Steve Dunlap.

Susan Daniel Brey led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Mayor Harley McDaniel called for additions or correction to the minutes of the April 7, 2008 council meeting. Burton moved to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2008 council meeting. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #08-179

Smith Gary moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance # 08-179. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Mayor McDaniel wanted to recognize two Girl Scouts, who came with Reverend Susan Brey. They are Makenna Waltons and Stephanie Brey, Junior Girl Scouts.

City Administrator Evan Capron report:

1. The Columbus Chamber of Commerce is inquiring of the City about holding a Fire Works event around the 4th of July. An anonymous donor is donating the money for the fireworks. I have checked with Dean Teel, our insurance company, they said that it didn't look like any problem. The underwriting would like to know the following: (1) who will be doing the display. (2) Are they insured, if so, will need to know liability limits. (3) What safety measures will be provided?

Councilmember Hosier wanted to know who would be doing it and where would it be held. City Administrator said he would have to find out and they were planning on having it down at the Fair Grounds.

What I am bringing to you is the concept as we have not had it for many years due to a tragic incident. I am bringing this to you to see if there is a real big negative response to this. If there is none then I will proceed to get all this detail.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO CHECK INTO FIRE WORKS EVENT

Smith Gary moved to have City Administrator proceed with checking into the fire works event to be held on the 4th of July. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

2. I talked to Dean Teel about our workers Comp and he told me that KMIT is concerned about Columbus's loss rate and that we are being monitored. Dean told me that we could

get contact with IMA and they would work with us at no charge in an effort to get our Workers Comp claims down.

3. The Columbus Chamber of Commerce is requesting usage of the Industrial Park for the 19th Columbus Hot Air Balloon Regatta. This event will take place Friday, October 10 through Sunday, October 12.

USE OF INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR BALOON REGATTA

Burton moved to allow Chamber of Commerce the use of the Industrial Park for the Balloon Regatta from Friday October 10 through Sunday October 12 providing there is no danger with egress of traffic flow due to the construction on the highway. Nepple seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

City Superintendent Jim Burton report:

1. On April 17, 2008 we opened the bids for the hangers and tree removal. We only received 1 bid from Crowder Disaster Recovery in the amount of \$38.63 per tree which as of now is 339 trees but could change. This will only be done on City property. I need a motion to accept this contract.

ACCEPT CONTRACT FOR HANGER & TREE REMOVAL

Burton moved to accept the bid from Crowder Disaster Recovery for the removal of trees and hangers from the 2007 ice storm. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

2. I will also need a motion giving the City Administrator the authority to sign the contract. Once the contract is signed we will fax it to Florida they will send us a reply plus a copy of their insurance and they will also purchase a city license and what ever else is needed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN CONTRACT

Spieth moved to allow City Administrator sign the contract with Crowder Disaster Recovery. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None.. Motion carried: 9-0.

3. I will need a motion to have Crowder remove tree down at City Park. They will cut down the tree and we will have the stump removed. This will be for the same price of \$38.63. Our plans are that once that tree is out, there is a canopy that sets behind the slide to the left , we will pour a concrete slab and move the canopy up there.

REMOVE TREE AT CITY PARK

Spieth moved to have Crowder Disaster Recovery removed tree at City Pool at \$38.63. Nepple seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

4. Next item I have is the bids for the excavator. I thought I would open them here at the meeting and the reason for that is the funds to purchase this will come out of water, sewer and cemetery. We would have to have a work session and still could not come out with a recommendation. I sent out about bids and only received two.
 - (a) Van Keppel – Volvo ECR58 mini excavator \$66,128. Diesel, 50 horsepower
 - (b) Murphy Tractor & Equipment – Big-Tex 12ET-18 trailer/ \$3,684 John Deere 50D Compact Excavator 2008 model excavator/ \$50,867 Diesel, 39.9 horsepower.

After much discussion Mayor McDaniel advised the City Administrator and the City Superintendent get together and come up with something they can recommend to the whole council

5. On your desk this evening you had a bill from the County for helping us pick up brush and hauling it. The total is \$63,106.30. If you break that down roughly \$47,329.73 will be paid by FEMA and \$6,310.63 will be paid by the State. That leaves the City with a balance of \$9,465.94. I am just sharing that information with you. This will be turned into Bob Snider with FEMA.
6. I have a proposal to fix the windows here in City Hall and the firemen's quarters. That bid came in at \$5,500 from Crossland Construction. The problem is every time we have a rain and it comes out of the north it leaks around the windows in the front office, council chambers and blows in around the entrance door. All the caulking needs to be taken out and resealed. They did not break it out as to how much it would cost for just windows or the cost on the fireman's quarters. It was suggest that Jim get another proposal and have it broken down between City Hall and firemen's quarters.
7. I need a motion to purchase 2 diving boards. The 14' diving board is \$2,210 and the 12' diving board is about \$200 less. The diving boards at the pool now are the ones that came out of the old original pool.

PURCHASE 2 DIVING BOARDS

Hosier moved to purchase a 14' diving board and a 12' diving board for City Pool. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Police Chief Charles E. Sharp report:

1. I have several pictures of property that needs condemnation proceedings to begin.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION – 535 W MULBERRY - David & Tiffany Lamb

Smith Gary moved to proceed with condemnation of property at 535 W. Mulberry. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION – 401 N OHIO - D&T Rentals

Burton moved to proceed with condemnation of property at 401 N Ohio. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION – 544 W ELM - John & Rebecca Turpen

Smith Gary moved to proceed with condemnation of property at 544 W Elm. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION – 210 E COUNTRY ROAD - Rhea DePratt

Smith Gary moved to proceed with condemnation of property at 210 E Country Road. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION – 507 E OAK - Alberta Sherrick

Smith Gary moved to proceed with condemnation of property at 507 E Oak. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION – 223 N ILLINOIS - Bert & Cinda Richardson

Smith Gary moved to proceed with condemnation of property at 535 W Mulberry. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION – 204 N ILLINOIS - Joyce Garner

Burton moved to proceed with condemnation of property at 204 N Illinois. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION – 1411 E SYCAMORE - Debora & Douglas Bolin

Smith Gary moved to proceed with condemnation of property at 1411 E Sycamore. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

YEAR 3 LIFEGUARDS

Nepple moved to hire McKenzie Hatfield & Addi Jo Overman as year 3 lifeguards at \$6.76 Range 3 Step C providing they pass all requirements and pre screening physicals. Smith Gary seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

YEAR 2 LIFEGUARDS

Nepple moved to hire Lacie Hale, Lucretia Mercer, Kati Natalini & Jaymie Zook as year 2 lifeguards at \$6.59 Range 3 Step B providing they pass all requirements and pre screening physicals. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Burton. Motion carried: 8-0 1-A.

YEAR 1 LIFEGUARDS

Nepple moved to hire Johanna Aldrighetti, Danelle Crain, Matthew Crain, Chris Fisher, Jessica Gaines & Katie Ridgway as year 1 lifeguards at \$6.43 Range 3 Step A providing they pass all requirements and pre screening physicals. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

YEAR 2 POOL ATTENDANT

Nepple moved to hire Kimberly Peterson as year 2 pool attendant at \$5.68 Range 1 Step B providing they pass all requirements and pre screening physicals. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

YEAR 1 POOL ATTENDANT

Nepple moved to hire Ashtin McDaniel & Alysha Spatafora as year 1 pool attendants at \$5.55 Range 1 Step A providing they pass all requirements and prescreening physicals. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

CITY ATTORNEY DRAFT ORDINANCE – CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO HIRE RANGE 1-6

Nepple moved to have City Attorney draft ordinance allowing City Administrator have the power to hire employees in Range 1 through Range 6 which would make the speed of hiring employees more efficient and timely. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary. Voting nay: Bennett, Spieth. Abstaining: Wellmeier. Motion carried: 6-2 1-A.

FORMAN POSITION NOT BE FILLED

Nepple moved not to fill the position of Foreman at this time. After much discussion, motion failed due to a lack of a second.

COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance

*Grant Spieth, **John Paradee, Dewey Smith

Sanitation

*Jerri Burton, **Dewey Smith, Marie Nepple

Cemetery

*Connie Bennett, **Grant Spieth, Jerri Burton

City Property

*Doug Hosier, **Dana Wellmeier, Connie Bennett

Economic Development

*Dana Wellmeier, **Marie Nepple, Gary Smith

Fire

*Dewey Smith, **Connie Bennett, Doug Hosier

Personnel

*Marie Nepple, **Steve Dunlap, John Paradee

Police & License

*Steve Dunlap, **Jerri Burton, Grant Spieth

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

*John Paradee, **Gary Smith, Steve Dunlap

Water & Sewer

*Gary Smith, **Doug Hosier, Dana Wellmeier

ACCEPT MAYOR'S PROPOSAL OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Smith Dewey moved to accept the committees as submitted by the Mayor. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – GRANT SPIETH

Smith Gary moved to appoint Grant Spieth as President of the Council. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Nepple, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Janice Blancett, City Clerk