

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 02, 2009**

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met March 02, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Harley McDaniel presided. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Steve Dunlap, Doug Hosier, Marie Nepple, Dewey Smith, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: Jerri Burton, John Paradee.

Grant Spieth led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 P.M. – 535 W. MULBERRY

Mayor McDaniel called for roll call on condemnation hearing.

ATTENDANCE

Connie Bennett, Steve Dunlap, Doug Hosier, Marie Nepple, Dewey Smith, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: Jerri Burton, John Paradee.

Mayor Harley McDaniel began by reading:

Whereas, the Enforcing Officer of the City of Columbus, Kansas, did on the 21st day of April, 2008, file with the Governing Body of said City, a statement in writing that the structures, hereinafter described, are unsafe and dangerous.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Governing Body Of The City Of Columbus, Kansas:

That a hearing will be held on the 2nd day of March, 2009, before the Governing Body of the City at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Columbus City Hall Council Chambers, 300 East Maple, Columbus, Kansas 66725, at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders of record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, s that term is defined by law, of the structures located at:

535 W. Mulberry Street, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, consisting of
Block 2 in Henderson's Addition, described as:

East half lost 9-10; East half lot 11 EXC west 10

may appear and show cause why such structures should not be condemned as unsafe or dangerous structures and ordered repaired or demolished and the debris removed.

Mayor McDaniel then asked if there was anyone present to address this hearing. No one was present.

PROCEED WITH REMOVAL – 535 W. MULBERRY

Spieth moved to proceed with condemnation of removal of property at 535 W Mulberry. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Hosier moved to adjourn condemnation hearing at 6:35 pm. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 6:35 P.M.

MINUTES

Mayor Harley McDaniel called for additions or correction to the minutes of the February 17, 2009 council meeting. Spieth moved to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2009 council meeting with corrections. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #09-204

Smith Gary moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #09-204. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

City Superintendent Jim Burton report:

1. They are working on the shoo fly by Calibrated building and anticipated to close Merle Evans to work on that intersection.
2. They cut the road today for the bridge replacement. They will start ripping it out and putting it in tomorrow right out there by the jail.
3. We started installing the 150 meters at private residence that we decided for the change out.
4. Out on the shoo fly there was a power pole that was missed in the engineering that had to be moved. In order to move it and to anchor the other poles there will be a bill in the amount of \$2, 967. Hopefully there will be enough money in the draw down and if not we will have to take it out of Streets.
5. I have bids on a pick up truck that was in the budget. We did not open them at the committee meeting because of the conflict of two committee members were either related or worked for one or the other dealers. So I will open them right now. This is to replace a 1994 Chevy that has 102,000 miles on it. This will basically be my truck as I will move mine down to water meter reader and his will move down to be used for the mosquito sprayer and such. This will come out of Streets as that is where it was budgeted. We had this was bid as a 4 door and a 2 door. The additional options I requested were step bars, tonneau cover, toe hitch and the amber light for the top.

PURCHASE NEW TRUCK

Mike Carpino Ford	Jay Hatfield Chevrolet
4 door - \$20,885.30	4 door - \$26,795.43
2 door - \$15,987.30	2 door - \$20,130.48

Smith Gary moved to purchase new 2 door pick up truck from Mike Carpino Ford in the amount of \$15,987.30. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: Wellmeier. Motion carried: 7-1.

6. I don't know all of the particulars but the recycling dumpster was removed last Friday by the County. We didn't get a whole lot of warning about it. Evidently the guy that took

care of it was a County employee. They have taken it out and are storing it down at the County lot. They have already took the ones out in Galena and Baxter earlier. The only thing I know is that Carl Hayes, which is the Solid Waste person for the County, is trying to work out something with Southeast Kansas Recycling. Where that is going I have no idea. The only thing I do know that with things like catalogs and regular paper you can probably take down to any of the schools. They will not take any cardboard or anything like that.

LIQUOR LICENSE-CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES – MAPLE BOWL

Dunlap moved to approve liquor license for consumption on premises for Maple Bowl. Smith Gary seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Nepple. Motion carried: 7-1.

Police Chief Charles E. Sharp report:

1. The only thing I have is to inform the council of a storm spotter’s class to be held at Baxter High School March 10th 6:30 PM. This will be about a 2 hour class and is very informative.

Fire Chief Brad Gleason report:

1. We have had 96 fire runs so far this year.
2. At the last council meeting Jerri brought up about there not being a light at the dog pound since the ice storm. I am temporally working at Baxter so I talked to Ed and they are in the works of putting the light back.
3. I was not able to attend the meeting about having music in the old Mexican restaurant building, which Brad was told the individual did not show to meet with the committee so that is a dead issue at this time. I did contact the fire inspector for cities and he said it is 15 sq foot per person and if there will be more than 300 people in the building at one time it will have to have sprinklers and such. He also said that the City could inspect it and if we found anything wrong then we would have to hire an engineer.

CEMETERY CONTRACT

Bennett moved to accept 2009 cemetery grounds keeper contract with Richard Umphenour in the amount of \$43,000. Nepple seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

WEED MOWING CONTRACT

- 4-State Lawn & Garden \$35.00 an hour with 1 hour minimum
- Golden’s Lawn Care \$45.00 per man hour
- Double-D Lawn Service \$29.50 per hour with 20.00 minimum

Smith Gary moved to accept bid from 4-State Lawn & Garden for the mowing of noxious weeds at \$35.00 an hour with 1 hour minimum. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

BRUSH CONTRACT

- 4-State Lawn Care \$30.00 hour
- Golden’s Lawn Care \$40.00 per man hour

Smith Gary moved to accept bid from 4-State Lawn Care on brush removal at \$30.00 per hour. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

STIMULUS MONEY – ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROJECT

Smith Gary moved to apply for the stimulus money for Economic Recovery Project which would be a grant for curb cuts & milling around the square. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

CITY TO PUT MONEY TOWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROJECT

Smith Gary moved for the City to put in \$50,000 from Street Capital Reserve Fund toward the Economic Recovery Project. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

EMPLOYEE STEP INCREASE – CASEY ROBERTS

Nepple moved to give Casey Roberts annual step increase to \$11.35 Range 8 Step I per Appendix A, Due March 5, 2009 and payable on the March 13, 2009 payroll. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

EMPLOYEE STEP INCREASE – ANNE SHARP

Nepple moved to give Anne Sharp annual step increase to \$12.92 Range 10 Step E per Appendix A-1 due February 21, 2009 and payable on the March 13, 2009 payroll and retro back. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Wellmeier. Motion carried: 7-0 1-A.

EMPLOYEE STEP INCREASE – STEPHEN MATTICE

Nepple moved to give Stephen Mattice annual step increase to \$11.54 Range 9 Step C per Appendix A-1 due March 6, 2009 and payable on the March 13, 2009 payroll. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

EMPLOYEE STEP INCREASE – ANDREW ESTRADA

Nepple moved to give Andrew Estrada annual step increase to \$11.54 Range 9 Step C per Appendix A-1 due March 11, 2009 and payable on the March 27, 2009 payroll. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

ORDINANCE #1261 – *Water Conservation Plan*

Smith Gary moved to approve Ordinance #1261 – *Amending the Code of The City of Columbus, Kansas, Chapter XV, Section 15-214, To Establish Policy and Procedure Regarding Water Leaks on Any Customer’s Property in Violation of The City’s Water Conservation Plan.* Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

ORDINANCE #1262 – *Coffeyville Community College*

Hosier moved to accept Ordinance #1262 – *Annexing Certain Land to The City of Columbus in Conformity with the Provisions of K.S.A. 12-520, as Amended.* Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

Mayor Harley McDaniel report:

1. There is going to be a Water District 19 meeting at the Community Building on March 10, 2009. I'm not sure of the time. It would be nice to have City Council members there for support.
2. I received a letter from Cindy Harrold, Columbus Campus Director of Coffeyville Community College, that I would like to read:

Let me start by thanking the City Council for its recommendation to provide water service to our new Welding and Construction Training Facility. We are making progress on the structure and hope to have the exterior erection completed in the next few weeks.

While meeting with the Water and Sewer Committee, it was suggested that I contact the Economic Development committee to see if they might consider providing the funds to connect the sewer to the new building. The City estimate for the sewer hookup is \$3,016.00 plus a \$150.00 tap fee. The majority of the cost is in the labor, with the backhoe operator and helpers estimated cost to be \$2,760.00.

Of the \$903,000 budget for this project, Coffeyville Community College is responsible for providing matching funds and labor in the amount of \$351,500. this is a huge investment in Columbus by the College. We feel a community is strengthened by its workforce, and CCC is dedicated to providing quality education and training to this area.

The Economic Development Committee's consideration to help fund the sewer connection to the new structure will help us meet our goal of providing a strong educational institution for Columbus citizens. This training facility will bring high skill, high pay employment opportunities to the Columbus workforce, which is especially important in this time of economic stress. The US Economic Development Administration is investing \$451,500 in this project, and the Kansas Department of Commerce will purchase \$100,000 in training equipment. It is our hope the local Economic Development Committee will be able to contribute and help Coffeyville Community College increase technical training in Columbus.

Thank you for your consideration.

Meetings:

Economic Development

Wednesday March 4, 2009 @ 6:00 pm

Water & Sewer

Thursday March 5, 2009 @ 6:00 pm

Fire

Thursday March 5, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

Personnel

Thursday March 5, 2009, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Smith Gary moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Nepple, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

Janice Blancett, City Clerk

