

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 04, 2009

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met May 04, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Marie Nepple presided. Council members present: Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Doug Hosier, David Morrison, John Paradee, Dewey Smith, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: Connie Bennett.

Larry Hartman led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or correction to the minutes of the April 20, 2009 council meeting. Burton moved to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2009 council meeting. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #09-208

Hosier moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #09-208. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

VISITORS

Larry Hartman – River of Life Church:

On June 6th we would like to ask your permission to have a Gospel sing at the City Park. There will be three groups there; The Crusaders for Christ which are from around this area, Bethel Church and the River of Life Church. This will be on a Saturday and will probably last around three hours. We would have an hour a piece for each group. There will be a concession stand provided. Chief Sharp wanted to know what time it was going to start and what time it would be over with. Mr. Hartman told him it would be from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Councilmember Dewey Smith told Mr. Hartman that the pavilion could not be reserved. It would be a first come first serve basis. Mr. Hartman said he understood that. Mayor Marie Nepple said after hearing no opposition all he would have to do would be to get there and get the pavilion first then it would be all theirs for the time needed. Mr. Hartman thanked the council for their time.

Paul Rogers:

Madam Mayor, Council members and City Administrator – I represent the Methodist Church Water Aerobics Program, I have with me my wife Marilyn Rogers and Dorothy Amos, who does most of the leg work and is administration of that program. We have run this program the last 2 years; you do not have to be a member of the Methodist Church to participate in this program. Our instructor was trained by the Pittsburg YMCA to do this program. Kathy Bond, Manager of the pool, provides the Life Guard. The water aerobics start at 7:00 pm and continue til 8:00 pm. The fee is what pays the Life Guard and I believe it was \$50.00 last year. The 2 things we need is to run that program again and secondly we need to know what the fee needs to be this year. Councilmember Dunlap asked what he paid last year and was told that it was \$50 a session. The program will start the second week in June on Tuesdays and Thursdays and run until the pool

closes at the end of the season. We will shut down during the Fair Week as we did last year. I have talked to Kathy on this and she has no objections to doing this again the same way this year said Mr. Rogers.

WATER AEROBICS

Dunlap moved to allow Methodist Church use of the City Pool for Water Aerobics beginning June 9 through Aug 13th from 7:00 pm to 8: pm. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

City Administrator Evan Capron report:

I am going to give a thumbnail sketch of the audit that took place. The 2008 audit has been extended because as there have been some discrepancies in some months. The City Clerk's office has analyzed October, November and December deposits with great detail with a fine tooth comb. This has bled over into the 2009 fiscal year with January, February and probably part of March. The office will go back and work on August and September of 2008. The Auditor was here Friday for several hours sifting through the information and he is very pleased with what we have and I am very pleased on how it is coming along. We feel it will probably be wrapped up by the end of May and we will proceed on from there.

City Superintendent Jim Burton report:

1. On June 6th the Cherokee County Solid Waste is going to have an e waste collection which consists of computers, TVs, battery operated hand tools and stuff like that for the general public. It will be somewhere down on the Fair Grounds and roughly the time will be from 9 – 3.
2. The flag pole in the south cemetery has went over in one of these wind storms and we are trying to get someone in here to weld it back together before Memorial Day.
3. The water line and sewer project out on 69 Highway is going to cost the City roughly an additional \$75,000 due to the bids coming in higher than what was borrowed. Part of the deal is when the work order came down the water and sewer line was left out of that from the State. The City was going to have to pay for that above the \$175,000. They are working on getting me that paperwork.
4. They have the line in up to the VFW; they crossed and tied in Merle Evans. I don't know if they made it across the street north of Hatfield's car lot as I was out on another water main issue.
5. Tri-Star that is doing our East Town Sewer Project was in town this afternoon and has started replacing manhole lids and covers out in the pavement. The other job they were on had been rained out and they contacted me and Bruce last week to see if it would be all right if they came in early and we had no objections.
6. The milling of the square downtown: We received a quote from Dustrol Inc. They are only 1 of a few that does this without having to contract way off and having to pay a mobilization fee. To do around the square 4 inches and trucking the stuff off down to our storage site their proposal is \$37, 843. That is 1 mobilization and 3 working days to accomplish this. We would then have to go out for bids to do the asphalt laying and stripping. They do not do asphalt. They only mill it down. This is just around the square all 4 sides. Evan wanted to know when Jim thought he might have numbers on the asphalt. If this passes I will then go out for bids to get asphalt. By doing this now we won't have to worry about it freezing and water getting down in it before we asphalt.

MILLING AROUND THE SQUARE

Dunlap moved to allow Dustrol Inc. to mill around the square in the amount of \$37,843. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Spieth. Motion carried: 8-1.

EXPAND EAST TOWN SEWER PROJECT

Burton moved to expand East town Sewer Project, providing ordinance allows due to bid process and is to be done with a change order. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Dunlap, Smith Gary. Motion carried: 7-2.

PURCHASE SEWER BASKETS

Burton moved to purchase sewer baskets in the amount of \$12,400 from Ray Lindsey Co. which includes installation and freight. This will be paid out of GL# 07-000-57860. Smith Gary seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

CARRY OVER IN RESERVES FOR GENERAL FUND

Spieth moved to allow carry over for General Fund to Reserve Funds plus 25% to under budgeted amounts as follows: **Legislative:** \$5,613, **Administration:** \$9,959, **Street:** \$43,733, **Cemetery:** 0, **Parks:** \$3,120, **Pool:** %6,938, **Property:** \$8,531, **Police** \$9,371, **Animal Control:** \$860, **Fire:** \$32,811. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

CARRY OVER IN RESERVES FOR UTILITY FUNDS

Spieth moved to allow carry over for Utility Funds to Reserve Funds plus 25% to under budgeted amounts as follows: **Garbage:** \$1,715, **Water:** \$73,306, **Sewer:** \$6,903. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Tuesday May 12, 2009 @ 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Janice Blancett, City Clerk

