

**CITY OF COLUMBUS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
May 18, 2009

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met May 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Marie Nepple presided. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Doug Hosier, David Morrison, John Paradee, Dewey Smith, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: None.

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

**MINUTES**

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or correction to the minutes of the May 04, 2009 council meeting. Burton moved to accept the minutes of the May 04, 2009 council meeting. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Bennett. Motion carried: 9-0 1-A.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #09-209**

Smith Gary moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #09-209. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

**VISITORS**

Mark Morgan: Mark Morgan came before the council requesting a liquor license to sell 3.2 cereal malt beverage at his new establishment know as Backwoods Bar & Grill located at 239 W. Maple. This was formerly known as Maple Bowl. Mr. Morgan was instructed to fill out needed paperwork, return to City Hall with appropriate fee and to understand he can not sell any alcohol until premises has been inspected by the Fire Department, Police Department for investigation of the applicant and inspected by the City Health Officer. When applicant has received certificate from the City then they may begin to sell the requested alcohol.

Gwain January: With SKIL Resource Center came before the council to invite them to the Grassroots Advocacy Picnic to be held at the City Park Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. Mr. January also requested the use of an extension cord as they will be providing music.

**City Administrator Evan Capron report:**

1. The Lions Club has been doing voluntary work cleaning up the main City Park of tree limbs which was finished today.
2. The Lions Club is wanting to assist with labor on the Welcome to Columbus Sign located on North Kansas and Hwy. 160 that was destroyed by the wind storm a couple of weeks ago.
3. I would like to bring up to the Council for their consideration the subject of breaking out the City Attorney's efforts into 2 different positions. A front end attorney handling the happenings with resolutions and ordinances, personnel and other legal items and a back end attorney handling only the City Court. After all documentation is acquired this will then go to the Budget Committee for further recommendations.

4. In your packet is a proposed write up "Storm Shelter Rules" to be posted at City Hall. I would like for the resolution or ordinance be passed on this subject. The City Attorney will work on this and then present it at the next council meeting.
5. In your packet is the water sale contract from Wholesale Water District 19. I brought this up a couple of months ago and you wanted the wording changed from minimum of 4M gal/month to average of 4M/month averaged over a 12 month period of January 1 to December 31 each physical year. Water District 19 needs this signed for my meeting tomorrow night.

### **WATER DISTRICT #19 CONTRACT**

Smith Dewey moved to approve water contract with Spring River Public Wholesale Water Supply District #19, with requested changes and have City Administrator sign. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

6. The City Clerk's office has finished up with the additional detail monthly deposits of August, September 2008 and January, February and March 2009 and reconciliation of particular bank statements with check copies from the bank. The auditor was her on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> to examine this information. Further auditor analysis is taking place as I heard from him lat this afternoon and expect further follow up next week as we are getting this wrapped up to go to the next step.
7. I have started working on the budget and all Department Heads have received the needed paperwork.

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

1. There is a list of properties owned by the City on your desk that has had storm damage. That has been turned over to Dean Teel last week. He is to get with me when the adjuster can be out. The backside of that sheet just lists what time we put in for the storm clean up. FEMA is to be in town Wednesday around 9 so all the County and City will be meeting with them to come up with some numbers to see what will happen from there.
2. The ice machine went out at the pool so I will be purchasing one in the amount of \$1,950. Since that is under my spending limit I did go ahead and purchased it and it should take about 3 days to get here.
3. The chemical company we have used in the past has quit handling chemicals. The sticks, shock and acid have all doubled in price this year. They are \$16,938 and that is no guarantee it will get you through the season. We have talked about just going with the shock and a different type of stick that is sold at Riverton. It runs about \$8,666. We probably have just enough chemicals to get the pool up and running for a little bit. The lady at Riverton assures us she can get the needed chemicals right now but even with Water Products they don't know if they can get them later on even if we order the initial from them.

### **PURCHASE CHEMICALS**

Smith Gary moved to purchase half of the needed chemicals at this time from Riverton and see how they work in the amount of \$4,333, which is 2 shocks and 25 buckets of sticks. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

4. Paul Harlos and I will be attending training in Pittsburg Tuesday on Maintaining Residuals.

5. They took the stop lights out on East Avenue and Maple Street. There are stop signs up there now. The stop lights are ours but they will not work uptown.
6. Tri-Star is in East Town and have done all their spot repairs. They are starting to bore underneath the railroad tracks to get that line over to the lift station. If everything goes to plan they will probably be done with their part of it by the end of the week. There will be 2 other companies coming in, one to do the relining of the pipe and the rehab of the man holes. Bruce sent all the paperwork to Tri-Star for the extension and Mr. Chisom was out of the office. Hopefully all the paper work can be complete so there will not be an added mobilization charge to bring everything back.

**EMPLOYEE STEP INCREASE – PAUL HARLOS**

Paradee moved to give annual step increase to Paul Harlos to \$10.28 Range 7 Step H per Appendix A due May 17, 2009 and payable on the June 5, 2009 payroll. Smith Gary seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Dunlap, Wellmeier. Motion carried: 8-0 2-A.

**EMPLOYEE STEP INCREASE – AARON FLOOD**

Paradee moved to give annual step increase to Aaron Flood to \$8.23 Range 6 Step B per Appendix A due May 19, 2009 and payable on the June 5, 2009 payroll. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

**RESOLUTION #388 – 310 N. RAILROAD - HYDER**

Burton moved to approve Resolution #388 – *A Stipulated Resolution Of Findings And Determinations Between The Governing Body Of The City Of Columbus, Kansas, And The Owner Of Record, Carolyn Hyder, Concerning A Structure Located Within Said City And Described Herein, To Be Condemned And Ordered Demolished As An Unsafe And Dangerous Structure.* Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

**RESOLUTION #389**

Dunlap moved to approve Resolution #389 – *A Resolution of the City Of Columbus, Kansas, Stating That It Is The City's Commitment To Approve And Adopt The Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Including All State and FEMA Requirements In Compliance With FEMA Standards And Guidelines.* Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Bennett, Hosier, Morrison, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting was tied 5-5 and was broken by the Mayor with an aye vote. Motion carried: 6-5.

**Meetings:**

**Water & Sewer**

Tuesday May 26, 2009 @ 6:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

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Janice Blancett, City Clerk

