

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

June 01, 2009

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met June 01, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Marie Nepple presided. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Steve Dunlap, Doug Hosier, David Morrison, John Paradee, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth (6:32), Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: Jerri Burton, Dewey Smith.

Bob Barker First Baptist Church led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or correction to the minutes of the May 18, 2009 council meeting. Hosier moved to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2009 council meeting. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #09-210**

Spieth moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #09-210. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Smith Gary. Motion carried: 7-1.

**City Administrator Evan Capron report:**

1. We have been having problems with our on line Laser Fiche record keeping system for quite some time. This is the system that allows us to scan Council meeting minutes, ordinances, resolutions etc. so they may be efficiently retrieved. We are in need of a new server computer to handle this function. The computer is a Dell server and the cost would be \$3,208. This would be paid out of Administration Equipment Reserve GL#21-102-59999. Dollars available in the fund as to date is \$39,706.36.

**PURCHASE NEW LASER FICHE SERVER**

Spieth moved to purchase a new Laser Fiche server in the amount of \$3,208 and to be paid out of Administrative Equipment Reserve Fund GL# 21-102-5999. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: Morrison. Abstaining: Wellmeier. Motion carried: 6-1 1-A.

2. A copy of the East Town Sewer change order is in your packet as was discussed last council meeting. Also, is a copy of the first payment estimate for work done on this project. The last progress report I received this morning shows that the project is 35% complete.
3. The City Clerk's office has finished up with the additional detail deposits and bank reconciliation of particular bank statements with check copies from the bank at the request of the auditor. The auditor plans on being here this week to examine this information. If no further discoveries are made during this examination, we should be ready to go to the next step.
4. The Department Heads and I are working on the 2010 budget.
5. Calibrated picnic is Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the City Park.

**City Superintendent Jim Burton report:**

1. I just want to remind everyone that E-Waste for homeowners is this Saturday at the Fair grounds from 9-3. They have one for Government offices on Monday.
2. There was a change order on the East Town Project between Maple and Walnut.
3. On the Hwy. 69 project they hope to have Merle Evans Drive open by the middle of next week. They will then be shutting down Calibrated Drive and probably McDonald's, which they will have to come in off Merle Evans Drive. I'll have more detail on that this week.
4. They are going to do the possible tie ins out on 69 if they get all the tests in and that might be this Thursday.
5. I will be gone Sunday afternoon through Wednesday evening for the ADA conference.
6. We are still picking up brush.
7. We got the water line in out at the new Coffeerville Community College school but still have to chlorine and test it. We should have the sewer line in tomorrow.
8. FEMA is to be back in about 2 or 3 weeks and we are hoping to have everything done so we can present them with some numbers.
9. There is another on going problem of numbers on houses. We are doing weed notices. I don't think people realize the time it takes to do this. If you go out to find a house with a number you have to go to the Court House, get 2 houses on each side of it and try to get a number, you go out and take pictures, you have to send a letter and have to go back out again. It is a very long drawn out procedure. You sent out a certified return letter and that person has 14 days before they have to pick it up before it is sent back to us and then if you tack another 5 days on to that as our ordinance says 5 days from the time they sign then we go in and mow. I sent out a bunch Friday and have taken a bunch today.

**Fire Chief Brad Gleason report:**

1. We have had 213 runs.
2. Last Wednesday we had fit tests for the SCBA for everybody. We also cut up a van and used our airbags and jaws for all the new guys that haven't used them.

City Superintendent apologize to the Mayor and Council as he had 1 very important thing to bring up: I went to a meeting today at the Court House with the County Commissioners and there was an Allied personnel, which is now Republic, speaking on the landfill. They originally came in to talk about being able to access this Super Fund money for the Super Fund Cleanup and hopefully bring in some of that debris to the landfill. It quickly changed to an issue of the landfill itself closing. The Commissioners were informed that the landfill was going to close within 6 months to a year. There was long discussion as this took the Commissioners by surprise. Allied is to bring back a proposal on the solid waste part or the Super Fund. The feelings were of the whole committee or people in attendance is that if they weren't able to or the County possibly wouldn't agree to their proposal to use Super Fund money to bring some of the dirt and stuff in then they might even close it earlier. In the contract they have 120 days notice that they have to give the County. I know the County Commissioners are looking at that. I questioned them quite a bit and as for budget purposes we needed to know now. There were 2 guys there and they just jumped back and forth and it was if they were not on the same page. I told Allied that we have tried to contact them and they said no one has contacted them. I know I have tried and so has Evan. I know the County has tried to contact them as well as Carl Hayes with the Health Department and Crystal Gatewood has tried just to find out the life of the landfill. I think we are going to have to get something moving one way or the other. The transfer station under the contract has to be available us until the year 2018. The way we haul trash now is that will be taking another man driving over there to dump it while one man and 2 guys run the route. We haven't budgeted for a truck and that would be putting wear and tear on the vehicles we have

now, more cost as the price will rise going to the transfer station also. The transfer station is in Galena on old Hwy 66. Councilmember Dunlap asked why we don't we explore contracting that out. Jim said that is something we will have to look at but this has taken on urgency right now. Mayor Nepple told the council that she and Jim were at a meeting about 6 weeks ago that we were told we currently have 3 to 5 years, it cost too much money to close down a landfill so we assumed they wouldn't be doing that and now today he goes to a meeting and we get this new information. Jim said basically what the Commissioners asked them is; in other words you are wanting to make money bringing this other stuff in. They call it air top which is the level they can fill it and basically what they told the Commissioners is even if we don't get that we can close at any time within 120 days. You ask them for sure if that is when it is but they just say we can't make that decision. Evan asked Jim if he had their names and said no I don't but they should be in the Joplin Globe tomorrow and Crystal Gatewood did have their card. Evan said he wanted to find out who was really in charge as he has tried to get a hold of them many times.

**CITY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT – BARBARA WRIGHT**

Dunlap moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of Barbara Wright as City Attorney, with a 6 month extension of her current contract at \$1,250 a month for 20 hours with \$75 an hour over the 20 hours. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE APPOINTMENT – JOHN MAZUREK**

Paradee moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of John Mazurek as Municipal Court Judge at \$1,000 a month. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Bennett, Morrison, Smith Gary. Motion carried: 5-3.

**FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT – BRAD GLEASON**

Spieth moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of Brad Gleason as Fire Chief at \$375 a month. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

**ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT – STEVEN J. BURTON**

Smith Gary moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of Steven J. Burton. as Assistant Fire Chief at \$285 a month. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER – SCOT ASH**

Smith Gary moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of Scot Ash as Volunteer Firefighter. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER – DONNY CARTER**

Bennett moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of Donny Carter as Volunteer Firefighter. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

**Meetings:**

**Streets/Alleys/Bridges**

Thursday June 11, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

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*Janice Blancett, City Clerk*