

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

June 15, 2009

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met June 15, 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, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: Grant Spieth.

Pastor Warren of the First Baptist Church led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONDEMNATION HEARING

June 15, 2009 6:30 p.m.
416 S. Florida

Mayor Marie Nepple opened condemnation hearing by reading:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas: That a hearing will be held on the 15th day of June, 2009, before the Governing Body of the City at 6:30 p.m., at Columbus City Hall Council Chamber, 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, as that term is defined by law, of the structure located at: 416 S. Florida Street, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, consisting of Block 8 in First Addition, describes as: lot 12 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 Nepple then asked if anyone was present to show cause why such structures should not be condemned. No one was present. Mayor Nepple then proceeded to ask for a motion and second to proceed with condemnation.

PROCEED WITH CONDEMNATION – 416 S. FLORIDA

Burton moved to proceed with condemnation at 416 S. Florida. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith Gary moved to adjourn the condemnation hearing meeting at 6:34 pm. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Janice Blancett, City Clerk

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2009 6:35 pm

MINUTES

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or correction to the minutes of the June 1, 2009 council meeting. Hosier moved to accept the minutes of the June 01, 2009 council meeting. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Burton, Smith Dewey. Motion carried: 7-0 2-A.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #09-211

Burton moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #09-211. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

VISITORS

Thomas and Candi Helm:

City Administrator Evan Capron report:

1. In your packet is a letter of progress I requested from the Lions Club regarding the old Bath/Pool house at the City Park. As you can see they have contacted the Coffeyville Community College who plan on opening a new welding school at the new Columbus Campus addition in September. This will be one of their first projects to construct the metal gates. They discuss the new graffiti washable paint, tuck point columns on roof and address the concrete tables with broken ends. I would like to have caution signs added to the building.
2. We are actively investigating the new restroom facilities at the City Par, The City Superintendent has contacted the architect firm in Joplin who is doing our restrooms in the Community Building for ADA. They have suggested that we look at the restrooms in the Park in Pittsburg. Jim has contacted Bruce Remsberg on this and looking into the possibility of purchasing the plans from Pittsburg. I have contacted SED Regional Planning to look into any grant possibility since we already have some matching money ear marked for this project. I am looking at the "Small Communities Improvement Program: who sets a side \$500K each year for small communities that are undertaking improvement projects through sweat equity and volunteerism. This program is designed to assist communities with populations of 5K or less. The max. award of a single project is \$125K. 7 Cities were awarded in 2009. Closing date for 2010 is December 2009 with the announcements made in February 2010.
3. An anonymous donor (same as last year) has generously offered putting forth the money to have a Fireworks Display like last year on the 4th of July. This is being handled by the Chamber of Commerce. Our insurance carrier is aware of the upcoming event.
4. I have been retrieving information from other Cities regarding how the handle their trash pickup. I plan to have more info available such as vendors for a July committee meeting.
5. The City Clerk's office is continuing to provide more detail deposits and bank reconciliation of particular bank statements with check copies from the bank to the auditor.
6. The Department Heads and I are working on the 2010 budget.

City Superintendent Jim Burton report:

1. We are continuing with the brush pick up.
2. I sent out specs for asphaltting up town I am going to open them tonight and hopefully we can approve something tonight to keep this process moving. Our next step after this will be getting out City Engineer Bruce Remsburg to draw up specs for the curb cuts as the curb cuts need to be done before the milling and asphalt. I had to figure the back way so we would know how much money we have to do this. I have 3 bids. One from Heckert, Tri-State and Teeter's.

ASPHALT & STRIPPING BIDS – TRI- STATE ASPHALT

Tri-State Asphalt, Inc.	Asphaltting	\$61,187.50	Striping \$1,800	\$63,987.50
Teeter's Paving	Asphaltting	\$78,308.00	Striping \$3,000	\$81,308.00
Heckert Construction	Asphaltting	\$90,132.00	Striping \$3,100	\$93,232.00

Dunlap moved to accept bid from Tri-State Asphalt for paving and striping the square in the amount of \$63,987.50. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

3. That will leave us \$35,000 in the ADA fund and we have \$84,800 in Capital Reserves which gives us \$119,800 so I am asking for permission to go out and let our City Engineer do the curb cut engineering which would cost up to \$20,000. That would leave us \$99,800 plus we still have \$80,000 to do our normal overlays in other parts of the City. These figures also include the \$37,000 for milling.

ENGINEER CURB CUTS

Smith Gary moved to let Bruce Remsburg, with PEC, engineer curb cuts around the square up to \$20,000. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

4. I have an engineers proposal to architecturally engineer the bathrooms at the Community Building. It is Ness Engineering out of Joplin that Bruce recommended. The proposal for that is not to exceed \$6,000. This year in Property we have \$10,000 for bathrooms \$7,000 transfer out, \$10,500 in Capital Projects and \$21,000 in Property Reserve Fund. The only stipulation they have in their contract is once we start we just keep moving on. They will draw up the plans, I will take them the Blueprints of City Hall to show where the water and sewer lines are at as they will need to cut some of the floor to move the stalls over in order to make them accessible.

BID FOR REMOLDING RESTROOMS COMMUNITY BUILDING – NESS

Smith Dewey moved to have City Superintendant proceed with plans from NESS Design Group for ADA modifications of restrooms at Community Building, not to exceed \$6,000. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

5. We had a water project in the budget this year to lay a water line from Minnesota to High School on Walnut Street. We have \$30,000 in the budget so I need permission to proceed with that project.

PROCEED WITH WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Burton moved to proceed with the W. Walnut water line replacement project. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

6. They have the new water line on 69 tied in and they are working on the sewer line now.
7. They were ahead on the East Town Sewer Project but behind on another job so they just switched out a little bit but should be back in here next week or after. The project is going pretty fast in East Town.
8. On Gary's question about the lift at the Park Pavilion, I went in on the internet and came up with one estimate of about \$10,000 to \$12,000 for a portable lift. There could be some cheaper but I will research that more. I went to the ADA Symposium but they voted not to have vendors there and that is where I usually find products such as this. We are not due to enclose the stage until 2010 so I still have time to research that but will continue to work on the electrical issue.

CHARGES FOR STREET CUTS

Dunlap moved to change charges for street cuts to minimum of \$350 up to cover 36 square feet, than a \$4.00 per square feet for asphalt and \$2.00 per square feet for AB3 over 36 square feet. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Smith Gary. Motion carried: 8-1.

CITY ATTORNEY DRAFT ORDINANCE ON STREET CUTS

Dunlap moved to have City Attorney draft ordinance reflecting charges for street cuts. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Smith Gary. Motion carried: 8-1.

REFUND OF OVERPAYMENTS ON STREET CUTS

Dunlap moved to refund over payments for street cuts to Kansas Gas Service in the amount of \$514 and to Grant Spieth in the amount of \$394. This was due to an error in calculation. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Burton moved to accept a Six month extension of agreement on City Attorney Barbara Wrights contract. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

RESOLUTION #390 – RULES ON STORM SHELTER

Wellmeier moved to accept Resolution #390 – *Establishing Parking Regulations and Emergency Shelter Safety Rules Applicable to All Emergency Personnel and Persons Seeking Shelter in the City's Emergency Shelters at Columbus City Hall and The Columbus City Library*. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Tuesday June 23, 2009 @ 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Janice Blancett, City Clerk