

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 20, 2009**

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met July 20, 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.

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

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or correction to the minutes of the July 06, 2009 council meeting. Burton moved to accept the minutes of the July 06, 2009 council meeting. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Bennett, Dunlap. Motion carried: 8-0 2-A.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #09-213

Spieth moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #09-213. 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.

City Administrator Evan Capron report:

1. I have contacted 2 trash pickup vendors. One vendor has responded with much interest and the City Superintendent and I have met with them and provided information for them to work up a proposal. I am still trying to get a 2nd and 3rd vendor to provide info also.
2. I am working on the 2010 budget with the budget committee.
3. I met with Benny Crossland and two of his associates last week. Crossland Construction is interested in helping the City with their Welcome To Columbus signs. These would be the one destroyed by the storm on May 8th on North Kansas Ave. and the one we had to demolish with no State aid across from McDonalds. They are proposing to construct signs that are poured concrete type slabs with a nice design and wording and possibly lighting.
4. Richard Kelly, the owner of the building which formally housed the Pamida store, has asked me to work with him in bringing a business into the building. Richard owns several businesses and buildings across the county and he has a business in mind that may work for this area. I will give you updates on this in the future.

City Superintendent Jim Burton Report:

1. Ness Group will be going out for bid on the restroom remodeling sometime this week. This job will take about 3 weeks.
2. Bruce and I will be meeting with Rick Knight (SKIL) tomorrow morning at 10:00 am to go over the proposed handicap ramps. In the design of the ramps 4 fire plugs will have to be moved. The sandstone sign base at the corner of North Kansas and Maple Street will be removed (Eye Doctors office). I have spoken with him and there is no problem with doing that. If no problems come up, Bruce will go out for bids on this project.

3. On your desk you have a copy of the signs to go on Hwy. 69 off of Country Road. Also a set will go on Hwy. 160 at North Kansas. The set for North Kansas will not have the cemetery on it. I have already contacted KDOT and there is no problem because 3 signs are within the City limits or City maintenance area.
4. I have received the plans for the restroom at City Park. Marta Brown asked me to bring a set by and Crossland's will commit to the concrete work. The Property Committee will need to decide where to place them. I feel a good place would be to the east side of the big shelter back from the sidewalk as our water and sewer come in off of Indiana street. Sough of the tower would not be a good place as we have water mains coming in and going out. If we place it back where the old one was then we have to pour sidewalks to the north and to the south to connect to the walking track.
5. Utility Maintenance should be in here around the 1st part of August to clean and camera the lines on the addition to the sewer line and to get the pipe lengths from manhole to manhole for the whole project.
6. On your desk you will find a color drawing of the East Ave. & Maple Street work. Starting 7/27/09 there will be no left turns off of Maple Street. All of that traffic will be diverted over to East Walnut. All truck traffic will be diverted to North Magnolia to East Walnut. After the center par is done all traffic going east on Maple will be diverted as Maple will be closed at the driveway of American Bank and the driveway to G&W so they can complete the west side. After that they will complete the rest going south on the highway.
7. I will be meeting with FEMA tomorrow 7/21/09 at 1:00 pm to go over our cost and damages of the May 8th storm.
8. I would like for the Water & Sewer Committee to let the City Attorney draft an ordinance stating that if the City finds that a household or business has a broken sewer line, then the City Superintendent or his or her representative will give that property owner 30 days to have it repaired or the City will go out for sealed bids and the charge will go back to the property owner. If this is not paid then this will go on their taxes as a special assessment. We have some of these tht are not an open discharge, but when it rains there is water running in our system or with a hard rain then it does come out. A few of these are in the ditch or by the road so we have holes in the ditch or it is under mining our roads.

ATTORNEY DRAFT ORDINANCE ON BROKEN SEWER LINES

Burton moved to have City Attorney get with the City Superintendent to draft ordinance addressing sewer line leakage. 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.

9. On 7/16/09 I attended a Hwy. 400 Advisory meeting in Baxter Springs with KDOT and other Advisory members. Right now KDOT is looking at a freeway type road with 2 lanes each way and a median in the center. There are 3 proposed routes; (a) along the existing route of Hwy. 400, (b) one mile east of the existing route and (c) one mile to the west of the existing route. Whichever route is chosen it will start where the proposed route of the 69 bypass going west of Pittsburg and ends at Hwy 103 east of Weir. A lot of the variations is where the road goes out of the Riverton area and south as well as whether to tie in at I-44 down by the Down Stream Casino or further west up in

Oklahoma on the turn pike. Each one of these have their own issues, as they are both in another state. We will have 3 more meetings through 2010. The committee will meet again and the 3rd meeting will be a public forum. The committee will again meet with KDOT. When it is all said and done KDOT will have the final say.

10. I was asked by Randy Froebe to come to the Council with the request of the Soccer League to use the Industrial Park again this year for their games.

USE OF INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR SOCCER

Burton moved to allow the Soccer League use the Industrial Park for the soccer season and the City will supply the portable restrooms. 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.

11. I have contacted Doug Qualls on all of the electrical problems at the City Park. He gave me a bid and I okayed that after talking to Evan. Every outlet in the pavilion will be on its own breaker. Off the stage to your right, as you are facing it, will be a bank of 4 or 5 outlets. On the west side by the door there will be another bank of 4 or 5 outlets. We will take part of the stuff out of the big pavilion and put a meter base and outlets on the center pole just east of the volleyball court. We will also out a bank of 4 or 5 outlets there. We will also have them hook up the southeast pavilion by the swimming pool. We will put in a meter base there so Empire can hook up to it. All of it right now will be about \$2,300 and there could be a little variation.
12. I talked to Ed Worthington about the lights on the s curve by Pizza Hutt. They are going to put a light back west where the curve comes around and put a light across the road. They cannot put a light on the pole by the stop sign as that is somebody else's power line. They will put those up and see how they work out and if not then would do some changes.
13. Our burn pile out at the cemetery was inspected about a month ago and passed inspection. On your desk you will find some burn statues as to what you can burn in town.

A question was brought up by Councilmember Paradee for the Chief of Police. He had a call from a citizen asking about driving their golf cart in town. This is the only means of transportation for them. It would only be driven to the grocery store, doctor's appointment and pharmacy. Chief Sharp told the council that in July of 2008 golf carts were legal. Now as of July 2009 they are illegal. It would be the decision of the council if they would allow these vehicles on city streets. They would fall under the law as to the requirements of vehicles such as lights, turn signals, insurance and such. Councilmember Burton said she had the same call. Mayor Nepple did say that the City does have transportation offered to the citizens. One is Elm Acres and one is Class LTD. After much discussion Mayor Nepple said this would best be taken to a Police Committee meeting for further analysis.

CITY TO PAY INSURANCE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT SOFT SIDE BOAT

Hosier moved to have City pay insurance on a soft side rescue boat to be purchased from the Smokey Fund with the understanding the boat will become city property even though the City did not purchase it. 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.

REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION –PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN

Paradee moved to accept job description for Public Works Foreman with the stipulation on page 2 3rd bullet to read; *State certification in water and sewer appropriate for the operations or work under the license and supervision of the City Superintendent* instead of *State certification in water and sewer appropriate for the operations or work under the supervision of the City Superintendent..* Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Bennett, Morrison, Spieth. Motion carried: 7-3.

JOB DESCRIPTION – BACKUP RELIEF DRIVER

Paradee moved to accept job description for Fire Department Backup Relief Driver. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Bennett, Morrison. Motion carried: 8-2.

CITY ATTORNEY DRAFT ORDINANCE ON JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Paradee moved to have City Attorney draft ordinance to adopt Public Works Foreman and Fire Department Backup Relief Driver job descriptions. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Bennett, Morrison, Spieth. Motion carried: 7-3.

CITY ATTORNEY DRAFT ORDINANCE ON REVISION OF PAYSCALE

Paradee moved to have City Attorney draft ordinance on the revision of Appendix A pay classification system to include Backup Relief Driver in Range 6. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Bennett, Morrison. Motion carried: 8-2.

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION – CASEY ROBERTS

Paradee moved to accept the resignation of Casey Roberts effective July 27, 2009 in good standing. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Dunlap. Motion carried: 9-1.

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION – RICK MOORE

Paradee moved to accept the resignation of Rick Moore effective July 31, 2009 in good standing. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Smith Dewey moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes from 7:20 pm to 7:25 pm on personnel matters of Non-Elected Personnel with Mayor, Council Members, City Administrator, City Attorney and Chief of Police in Attendance. 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.

REGULAR SESSION 7:25

RESOLUTION #392 – DEMOLITION 804 W OAK

Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution #392 – *A Stipulated Resolution Of Findings And Determinations Between The Governing Body Of The City Of Columbus, Kansas, And The Owner Of Record, Resia Jean Davis, Concerning A Structure Located at 804 W. Oak Street And Described Herein, To Be Condemned And Ordered Demolished As An Unsafe And Dangerous Structure.* This is a voluntary agreement by the property owner of record and council for

demolition. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Spieth. Motion carried: 9-0 1-A.

ORDINANCE #1264

Burton moved to adopt Ordinance #1264 – *An Ordinance By The City Council Of The City Of Columbus, Kansas, Amending Ordinance Number 1255, To Update The Definition Of Micro Utility Trucks.* This is in reference to the length. 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.

ORDINANCE #1265

Burton moved to adopt Ordinance #1265 – *An Ordinance By The City Council Of The City Of Columbus, Kansas, Incorporating By Reference The “Uniform Public Offense Code For Kansas Cities,” Edition 2009; Providing Certain Penalties And Repealing Ordinance Number 1243.* 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.

ORDINANCE #1266

Wellmeier moved to adopt Ordinance # 1266 – *An Ordinance By The City Council Of The City Of Columbus, Kansas, Incorporating By Reference The “Standard Traffic Ordinance For Kansas Cities,” Edition 2009; Providing Certain Penalties And Repealing Ordinance Number 1244.* Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT BACK UP RELIEF DRIVER – NATE LONG

Smith Dewey moved to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Nate Long as Backup Relief Driver at \$8.03 an hour. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Burton. Motion carried: 9-0 1-A.

Meetings:

Budget

Tuesday July 28, 2009 @ 6:00 pm

Property/Parks/Pool

Wednesday July 29, 2009 @ 5:30 pm

Police & License

Wednesday July 29, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Smith Gary moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

Janice Blancett, City Clerk

