

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 08, 2009

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met September 09, 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.

Ivan Collins 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 August 17, 2009 council meeting. Hosier moved to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2009 council meeting. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None.. Motion carried: 9-0.

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 31, 2009

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or correction to the minutes of the August 31, 2009 special meeting. Burton moved to accept the minutes of the August 31, 2009 special meeting. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Morrison. Motion carried: 8-0 1-A.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #09-216

Smith Gary moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #09-216. 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:

1. I would like to thank Councilperson Gary Smith for the page and half of line item details of things that need fixed in Ward 3. The list consists of 28 detail line items giving addresses and the identified problems. I would like to encourage at least one Councilperson per Ward to provide me with a detailed list of items that need attention in their Ward. This gives us a detailed list of items to work on. Several Councilperson call in or drop by with problems which is still good method as it may not be on their list.
2. We need to address the Minimum Wage requirement which went into effect on July 24, 2009 stating that the Minimum Wage is \$7.25 on July 24. The summer employees were 4 in streets and 15 in the Swimming Pool. The total dollar amount is \$1437.07.

NEW MINIMUM WAGE BACK PAY

Dunlap moved to Summer Labors and Pool Employees back pay due to the increase of the Federal and State Minimum wage. 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.

3. It was brought to my attention last week that our contractor who is refurbishing the restrooms in the Community Building is using Roll-off-Services for their dumpsters. In

the future we probably need to specify who the contractor uses in the contract to keep the business closer.

4. Later this evening when we set committee meetings. I have an employee who would like to find out why he is topped out in his job range and what can be done about it. I invited him to the meeting but would not be able to attend unless it was on City time during the day time.
5. On your desk is a proposal from PEC for Construction Engineering Services for ADA Sidewalk Improvements. The Scope of Services would be to provide personnel to serve as the City's fulltime Resident Project Representative. Also provide Contact Administration services and making sure the job is done correctly as this is a very critical job. The cost would not exceed \$28,315 and would have an 80 day completion, working 57 days.

SIGNATURE ON PEC CONTRACT

Smith Gary moved to authorize City Administrator, Evan Capron sign contract with PEC not to exceed \$28,315. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

City Superintendent Jim Burton report:

1. On your desk you will find a proposed copy of signs that was approved at a previous council meeting. I want to be sure that it covers everything the council wants. The only addition to the signs will be a small sign with a trailer designating the camping grounds on one and an H for the hospital on the other.

APPROVE LETTER SIZE ON DIRECTION SIGNS

Dunlap moved to approve lettering on directional signs. 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.

2. We have 2 water issues in town. One we have been dealing with a little over a month. I contacted KDHE and they referred me to Eric Davolt that works for Kansas Rural Water as an advisor. We had him in here once and thought we had the problem solved. It has come up again. The problem is at a residence on West Country Road. When the put that new bridge in there was a water line that went across to the east and they dead ended that line. We went in and put a 2" flush plug on the side of it and have been flushing it about every 2 or 3 days. I contacted them again today as I had to go out and flush it again. They are going to send someone down and run some test to see what we may or may not have in our water. One of the problems is we have been running well #6 for almost 7 or 8 months now. I have ordered the conduit for well #4 to get it on line. We had to shut well #5 down earlier this year because we had so much hydrogen sulfide with both wells 5&6 that we couldn't pump enough chlorine in to treat it. The other residence in over on Garfield which is another issue we don't know what the problem is. The residents have went in and put in a new plastic line from the meter to the house and everything under the house is plastic. We were going out there today to see if we had an old lead tap but had another emergency come up. I have contacted KDHE and Kansas Rural Water with those 2 issues.
3. When our compressor went down at the water plant and we lost electricity on both of our control panels in our filter building. They are both computerized so I have contacted someone to come down and reprogram them.
4. I talked with Mike, with Beachner Construction today and he said they would be opening Maple Street onto East Avenue Friday sometime. They have one little radius to pour but

said if it rains and they can't get that poured they can still open it up. They still have a lot of work to do. When they get that down they will be shooting elevations on the water line the contractor put that in as they don't think they are at grade. I know one of them is right at the bottom of a storm drain and they are to be 3 foot below. So they may need to come back and lower all those water lines.

5. We have set Fall Clean up for September 21st thru October 2nd.

LEAGUE VOTING DELEGATES

Dunlap move to approve John Paradee and Grant Spieth as Voting Delegates at the LKM convention. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Paradee, Spieth. Motion carried: 7-0 2-A.

LEAGUE ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATES

Burton moved to approve Marie Nepple and Janice Blancett as Alternate Voting Delegates at the LKM convention. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes from 7:05 pm to 7:20 pm on personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, Police Chief and City Clerk in attendance. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:20 PM

FULL TIME TEMPOARY STATUS EMPLOYEE – CLIFFORD DAVIS

Smith Gary moved to hire Clifford Davis to Full Time Temporary Status with Benefits Range 9 Step C \$11.54 per Appendix A-1 and have City Attorney draw up contract with the understanding that employment remain full time temporary status if the Police Department becomes fully staffed with all officers who are currently employed but unavailable to work. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Police Chief Charles E. Sharp report:

1. It has been brought to my attention that on South High School Street there is a sidewalk that goes all the way down to Country Road. Here several months ago it was brought before the Council to paint a crossing walk over to the South side. That ends in a ditch. We have several kids that walk down or ride their bikes. When they get to Country Road they take the street to get down to Central School. I think there was some talk about a survey to see where the City easement is. City Superintendent said the survey has been done they just haven't proceeded with it. The crosswalk was put there from the request of the former mayor. One of the problems was they didn't want the sidewalk to dead end behind the cars said Jim. There is no where else to do it and they do have a handicap ramp there. So our sidewalk has to match up with their handicap ramp. Another problem is that the fence and that person's swimming pool are on City easement. We had it surveyed and somebody pulled up all of our stakes continued Jim.

FLAT FEE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS

Hosier moved to adopt the pay scale of \$12.00 flat fee for Volunteer Firemen and have City Attorney draft needed ordinance amending previous ordinance. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

EMPLOYEE HIRE- FIREMAN DRIVER – JUSTICE GANNAWAY

Paradee moved to hire Justice Gannaway as Fire Department Fireman Driver Range 8 Step A at \$9.31 per Appendix A. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

RESOLUTION #393

Burton moved to adopt Resolution # 393 – *A Resolution Fixing a Time And Place And Providing For Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body for 538 S Delaware Ave. Columbus Kansas.* Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

Meetings:

Budget Hearing

Tuesday September 15, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

Police & License

Tuesday September 15, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Personnel

Wednesday Sept 26, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Morrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Hosier 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