

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 16, 2009

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met November 16, 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.

Gary Yurk led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES CONDEMNATION HEARING**

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or correction to the minutes of the November 02, 2009 condemnation hearing. Burton moved to accept the minutes of the November 02, 2009 condemnation hearing. 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.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or correction to the minutes of the November 02, 2009 council meeting. Hosier moved to accept the minutes of the November 02, 2009 council meeting. 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.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #09-221**

Paradee moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #09-221. Burton 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. Every year I ask the Council if they would fund a Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner for the employees and Council members. We normally ask for \$500 for the catering of food and drink. This year it's going to come in around \$520.

**EMPLOYEE DINNER**

Smith Dewey moved to fund a Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner for the employees not to exceed \$520. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

2. Every year I bring up to the Council in behalf of the employees, the day before Christmas. Christmas is on Friday this year, so we are requesting Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> off with pay.

**EMPLOYEES OFF FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

Burton moved to give employees December 24, 2009 off with pay. 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.

3. On your desk are 2 documents from water district #19 that I have been requested by the Attorney Darrel Shumake to be passed through the council. (Water Purchase contract and Resolution). This updating is also a requirement of the US Department of Agriculture.

### **WATER DISTRICT 19 CONTRACT**

Smith Gary moved to approve the water purchase contract between Spring River Public Wholesale Water Supply District #19 and the City of Columbus and have Mayor sign contract. 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.

### **RESOLUTION #396**

Spieth moved to approve Resolution #396 – *A Resolution Approving Water Purchase Contract Between The City of Columbus, Kansas, A municipal Corporation, and Spring River Public Wholesale Water Supply District No. 19, State of Kansas.* Burton 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**

Burton moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes from 6:45 pm to 6:55 pm on confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with Council, Mayor, City Attorney and City Administrator in attendance. 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.

### **REGULAR SESSION 6:55 PM**

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

1. I was asked to get estimates on the boring of pipe under the creek on W. Country Road. I contacted 3 individual companies and only 2 responded. Jim Radell out of Pittsburg to bore 230 feet, 10” poly casing and to install the 6 inch pip that the City will furnish came to \$17,770. I told him 200 feet but he bid 230 feet. Tri-Star Utilities out of Independence bid 200 foot but I took their bid because they gave a per foot cost and adjusted it to the 230 foot. Their bid came in at \$15,180. Rick Rider was the other company I contacted but did not get any response.

### **BORING UNDER CREEK ON WEST COUNTRY ROAD**

Smith Gary moved to accept the bid from Tri-Star Utilities in the amount of \$15,180 for the boring under the creek on W. Country Road and will be paid out of Water Reserve. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

2. All of the sewer pipe in East Town and the addition that was scheduled to be lined has been done. Mayer Specialty has come into town, which is the subcontractor to do the manhole rehab, and I would say they should be done sometime this week. The only thing left of that project is to clean up, touch up and stuff like that.
3. We have 16 of the 32 curb cuts done around town. If the weather would have held they would have almost been done this weekend. I’m not sure when they will be back in town with the weather.

**VISITOR – Michael Aumack**

Good evening I am Michael Aumack and I am Partnership Specialist with the Department of Commerce Census Bureau. The 10 year census is coming up this March and there will be a 10 question form send to every household which is not the long form in hopes people will fill it out and send it back. If they do not respond with the second form then we will have people knock on doors. It is easy, it is safe and the information we collect is protected by Title 13 which is a Federal law with a fine of 5 years \$250,000 if information is leaked out and that is even within the Government. This is a very important census as it affects Federal Grant Funding such as Medicaid, WIC, Title 1 school lunches, school lunches, Economic Development Grants. All of that is affected by census data and is done every 10 years. I know the City of Columbus and surrounding areas don't want to loose population so we want to make sure everyone is counted that is here. As leaders in the Community the meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> should not be a partisan thing or a political issue at all. This is not the Administration census it is our census. The census is the way all of our tax money comes back to us, the 400 million dollars. If we don't raise our hand and say we are here then it goes somewhere else. It is important that we encourage our constituents to respond to it.. The basic demographics of the questionnaire are names, how many people live in the home, ages, racial background and then there is a question if they rent or own and that tells us if they are permanent or temporary. There is no question about social security number or income status. Thank you for your time and I encourage you to attend the meeting in Pittsburg on December 15<sup>th</sup>. I will be in contact with the City Clerk as to the time and location.

**PAVING STREETS**

Dunlap moved to have additional paving on the 200 block of S. Kansas, 200 block of S. Pennsylvania, 100 Block of E. Pine and the 200 block of W. Pine not to exceed \$44,000. 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.

**RENEW EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Spieth moved to renew employee health insurance with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for January 1 thru December 31, 2010. 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.

**RESOLUTION #397 – 327 N. FLORIDA**

Spieth moved to approve Resolution #397 – *A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place And Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body for Structures Located at 327 N. Florida*. Smith Gary 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 #398 – 414 S. FLORIDA**

Morrison moved to approve Resolution #398 – *A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place And Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body for Structures Located at 414 S. Florida*. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Smith Dewey. Motion carried: 9-0 1-A.

**RESOLUTION #399 – 712 E. WALNUT**

Burton moved to approve Resolution #399 – *A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place And Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body for Structures Located at 712 E. Walnut*. 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.

**Meetings:**

**Personnel**

Tuesday November 17, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Morrison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

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*Janice Blancett, City Clerk*