

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

March 01, 2010

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met March 01, 2010 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.

Mayor Marie Nepple led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF CONDEMNATION HEARING

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or corrections to the February 16, 2010 condemnation hearing. Hosier moved to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2010 condemnation hearing. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Bennett, Morrison. Motion carried: 8-0 2-A.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or corrections to the February 16, 2010 council meeting minutes. Burton move to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2010 council meeting. Smith Dewey seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Bennett, Morrison. Motion carried: 8-0 2-A.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #09-232

Spieth moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #09-232. Smith Gary seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Morrison. Motion carried: 9-0 1-A.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #10-233

Burton moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #10-233. 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.

VISITORS

Jean Pritchett – I come before the Council to once again ask permission to use the Industrial Park the week end of October 8,9 & 10 for the Hot air Balloon Regatta. The committee is looking at something different for some of the entertainment – a white tiger exhibit. This is a traveling zoo of white tigers and they do educational programs. They come in 2 semi-trailers, self contained, along with a fifth wheel for their staff, zoo keeper, etc. They carry 2 million liability insurance. The cats stay on the exhibit, supervised 24 hours with there staff. With this being live tigers we thought that we had better check on your feelings before we made a final decision. We think this would be a good opportunity for our community and visitors to see an endangered animal and learn at the same time. I have additional info and layout requirements if you would like to see them.

We have lost our donation for the 4th of July celebration so we will be asking the residents for donations if they would like to have this to continue. Our anonymous donor will match our donations by 1/3.

The guest tax with the County was decided to leave it as is and the ones now will be grandfathered in as to what they are paying now but any new business coming in will be charged 8%. The County still has not offered us a contract to collect the tax but I will continue to pursue this.

We have money in the budget to advertise. We are advertising in the Kansas Travel, Kansas Fishing Guide, Triple A, which is Kansas Oklahoma & Nebraska, and in the Southeast Kansas day trip.

I met with a gentleman who is thinking about doing a movie and Columbus is one of the sights he was looking at. He was very impressed with Columbus as well as some other areas. I will keep you up to date on this.

WHITE TIGER EXHIBIT FOR COLUMBUS DAYS

Spieth moved to allow the white tiger exhibit at the 2010 Columbus Day Festival. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Morrison, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth. Voting nay: Wellmeier. Motion carried: 9-1.

USE OF INDUSTRIAL PARK BALLOON REGATTA

Burton moved to allow Columbus Chamber the use of the Industrial Park for the annual Columbus Day Hot Air Balloon Regatta. 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. Last week I heard from FEMA in regards to the Gazebo. They said they have reopened my request and hope to get some money to us soon. I asked if we could take the structure down as it is an eye sore and poses as a safety liability when we start getting high winds and they said that would be all right.
2. We made our first run today with the new garbage schedule and it appears that everything is running ok. We had a few calls today from people asking what Ward they were in.
3. In your packet is an update from the Lions Club on the old Pool House safety.
4. The KDHE loan was payable in March of this year but they delayed it to September and the 1st payment will be \$22,553.

City Superintendent Jim Burton report:

1. I received a bill from Roto Rooter on the Crossland property where the sewer line was cut. I took KDOT out there and they are not taking ownership of it.

LATERAL LINE REPAIR- SEND BILL TO CROSSLAND

Burton moved to send the bill for the lateral line repair at Crossland property to Crossland minus the pipe. Smith Dewey 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.

2. The sign post by the old video store will possibly have to come out due to the design of the handicap ramps.
3. We will be repairing a sewer line on Oak Street as we have problems with that from Minnesota to Florida.

SOLID WASTE LEAD MAN – SHANE BROOKS

Paradee moved to hire Shane Brooks as Solid Waste Lead Man at \$10.03 Range 9 Step A per appendix A. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Hosier, Paradee, Smith Dewey, Smith Gary, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Bennett, Burton, Morrison. Motion carried: 7-3.

EMPLOYEE ANNUAL STEP INCREASE – ANNE SHARP

Paradee moved to give annual step increase for Anne Sharp to \$13.22 Range 10 Step F per Appendix A-1, due February 21, 2010 and payable on the March 12, 2010 payroll with retro pay. 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.

ADA

City Attorney Barbara Wright informed the council that our defense on the motion made by SKIL to basically dictate our transition plan to us has been denied. Federal Court shows we win. Our attorney successfully defended and the court has terminated that case. If anyone would like to see this document it is on file in the City Hall.

City Superintendent Jim Burton said one thing you need to understand is that this does not relinquish us from the other things that are in the Transition Plan. Barbara said the Transition Plan is still a living document and it will be a living document forever even if we finish every project on it then it is time to reevaluate a new self assessment, self evaluation and to look for those other areas that we might still be lacking.

RESOLUTION #406

Hosier moved to approve Resolution #406 – *A Resolution Dismissing the Condemnation Action at 636 S. Delaware, Columbus 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.

RESOLUTION #407

Spieth moved to approve Resolution #407 – *A Resolution Continuing the Condemnation Action at 1411 E. Sycamore, Columbus 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.

ORDER OF VIOLATION – 204 N HIGHLAND

Burton moved to proceed with Order of Violation at 204 N. Highland. 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.

ORDER OF VIOLATION – 405 W OAK

Burton moved to proceed with Order of Violation at 405 W. Oak. 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.

ORDER OF VIOLATION – 310 W OAK

Spieth moved to proceed with Order of Violation at 310 W. Oak. 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.

ORDER OF VIOLATION – 327 N MINNESOTA

Wellmeier moved to proceed with Order of Violation at 327 n Minnesota. 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.

ORDER OF VIOLATION – 118 N 4TH

Spieth moved to proceed with Order of Violation at 118 N 4th. 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.

ORDER OF VIOLATION – 308 S IDAHO

Burton moved to proceed with Order of Violation at 308 S. Idaho. 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.

ORDER OF VIOLATION – 301 S FLORIDA

Spieth moved to proceed with Order of Violation at 301 S. Florida. 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.

Meetings:

Property/Pool/Parks

Tuesday March 09, 2010 @ 6:00 pm

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Tuesday March 09, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

Fire

Thursday March 18, 2010 @ 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Smith Dewey moved to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm. 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

Janice Blancett, City Clerk