

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 03, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met May 03, 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, Nick Lucian, John Paradee, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: David Morrison.

Dennis Johnson led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Marie Nepple called for additions or corrections to the April 19, 2010 council meeting minutes. Burton move to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2010 council meeting. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #10-238**

Paradee moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance #10-238. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**City Administrator Evan Capron report:**

1. The hand out I am giving you is the financing on our Highway 69 Project. Since the project is complete the money finalization must take place. We still owe \$306,682.73. After the \$241,907 is applied to that amount we will still owe \$64,775.73. The reason we owe more is because the Water and Sewer utilities (moving lines) came in higher than the original estimate so we didn't borrow enough money. KDOT is asking for \$273,500 now and we can make a payment of \$33,183.73 the first of January, 2011 or we can pay the whole amount and take the \$64,775.73 out of the reserves divided between water and sewer.

**PAY KDOT HWY 69 PROJECT**

Spieth moved to pay KDOT \$241,907 plus the \$64,775.73. \$64,775.73 will be paid 50% out of Water Reserve Fund and 50% out of Sewer Reserve Fund. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

2. I am working on the 2011 budget. All department heads need to turn in their first draft of their department budgets to me by May 14. So far only Administration has turned in a budget.
3. The City Superintendant and I will be meeting with Clay Kubicek with Crossland Construction next week to discuss the "Welcome to Columbus" sign that Crossland will be making for us.

**City Superintendent Jim Burton report:**

1. The sidewalk on South High School is completed. Just for your information the parking lot and driveway into that complex drains right on to that sidewalk. If there is any

complaints down the line that will be an issue you will have to address. You would have to tear out the whole parking lot to correct the problem.

2. Marbery is in town sealing all the concrete joints and curb cuts around town. That is all they have to do and clean up a little bit.
3. You have a copy on your desk of 68 weed notices that we have sent out over the last 2 weeks, today and tomorrow. That by no means is all of them. This is incase you have one in your area that you are wondering about. Check and see if it is on there and if not just call the front office and let them know.
4. You have a copy of the sewer lagoon report. Kansas Rural Water came out and measured out two main cells. Right now we/re about 25%. I have for budget purposes an estimate of what it is going to cost to clean them out, which is \$200,000 -\$300,000. This could even go higher.
5. We are working on getting the pool open and getting the cemeteries ready.
6. I have one bid with me tonight to take out the 3 trees and grind the stumps at the cemetery. The bid is for \$3,150 to cut down, clean up and grind the stumps. That is from Bill's Tree Service. 2 are cedar trees that only have tops and 1 is a box elder tree that is split.

### **TREE REMOVAL AT CEMETERY**

Burton moved to accept bid from Bill's Tree Service in the amount of \$3,150 for the removal of 3 trees and grinding of stumps at the cemetery. This will be paid out of GL# 01-300-57730.

Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

7. I am waiting for the bill from Destrol milling so I can determine how much is left in budget to do other streets in town this year.
8. Phillip Bass contacted me this morning and he and the Boy Scouts want to plant trees in the City Park and the East Town Park. It is attentively set up for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 o'clock. We will be getting with Jacob Weber to see the best place to plant them and the spacing.

### **PURCHASE THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA**

Bennett moved to purchase thermal imaging camera from Casco Industries Inc. in the amount of \$9,295 and to be paid out of GL #01-900-57810. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

### **METHODIST CHURCH WATER AEROBICS**

Lucian moved to allow the Methodist Church use of the City Pool on Tuesday and Thursday night, weather permitting, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm for water aerobics with the same rates as last year of \$50 per session. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

### **PURCHASE 60" MOWER**

Wellmeier moved to purchase a Gravely Pro Turn 160 w/60" deck in the amount of \$6,239.20 from Mosler & Hatfield Outdoor Power Equipment and to be paid out of GL # 01-300-57810. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Burton. Motion carried: 8-0 1-A.

### **PURCHASE 42" MOWER**

Wellmeier moved to purchase a Gravely ZT 42 XL w/42" deck in the amount of \$3,475.12 from Mosler & Hatfield Outdoor Power Equipment and to be paid out of GL #01-300-57810. Dunlap

seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Burton. Motion carried: 8-0 1-A.

#### **ORDINANCE #1274**

Wellmeier moved to have City Attorney add section (e) to 15-512 adding fine and court costs for people dumping trash in other people's dumpsters. This is done by Ordinance # 1274 – *An Ordinance By The City Council of The City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending Code 1987, 12-5, Code 1999, And The Code of The City of Columbus, Article XV, Section 15-212, Establishing Fines For Violation of Prohibited Practices*. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

#### **ORDINANCE #1275**

Wellmeier moved to have City Attorney add subsection in code book (15-505) that City is not responsible to pick up trash that has been disturbed or scattered by animals or otherwise. This is done by Ordinance #1275 – *An Ordinance By The City Council of The City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending Code 1999, And the Code of The City of Columbus, Article XV, Section 15-505, Establishing Standards for Adequate Solid Waste Containers and Responsibility of Owners/Occupants to Remedy Trash Litter*. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

#### **ORDINANCE #1276**

Wellmeier moved to have City Attorney add subsection in code book (15-527) prohibiting scattering of refuse by animals, pests and rodents. This is done by Ordinance # 1276 – *An Ordinance of The City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending Ordinance 955, Sec. 3, And The Code of The City of Columbus, Article xv, Section 15-527, Prohibiting Scattering of Refuse By Animals, Pests and Rodents*. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

#### **ORDINANCE #1277**

Wellmeier moved to have City Attorney amend Ordinance #1273 to reflect the changes of increasing dumpster fees in fire zone to \$1.00. This is done by Ordinance #1277 – *An Ordinance By The City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending Ordinance Numbers 972, 1113, 1180 and 1273, And The Code of The City of Columbus, Article XV, Section 15-523, Increasing Charges For Daily, Weekday Pick-up Services For Dumpsters In The Designated Fire Zone Area*. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

#### **PURCHASING STRIPE MACHINE**

Hosier moved to purchase a 3650 Airlessco Sure Stripe machine in the amount of \$2,695 and to be paid out of Streets Capital Reserve GL# 22-201-59999. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

#### **TRANSFER TO RESERVE FUNDS**

Spieth moved to transfer monies to Reserve Funds and Utility Reserve Funds as follows: **Streets - \$100,000, Property - \$880, Garbage - \$20,000, Water \$49,000 and Sewer - \$71,000**. Smith seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**EMPLOYEE ANNUAL STEP INCREASE – ANDREW ESTRADA**

Paradee moved to give annual step increase to Andrew Estrada to \$11.80 Range 9 Step D per Appendix A-1, due March 11, 2010 and payable on the May 7, 2010 payroll with retro pay. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**EMPLOYEE ANNUAL STEP INCREASE – KAREN ENGROFF**

Paradee moved to give annual step increase to Karen Engroff to \$8.87 Range 7 Step B per Appendix A, due April 20, 2010 and payable on the May 7, 2010 payroll with retro pay. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**Meetings:**

**Water & Sewer**

Wednesday May 12, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

**Police & License**

Wednesday May 12, 2010 @ 6:45 pm

**Personnel**

Wednesday May 12, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Burton moved to adjourn meeting at 7:47 pm. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian Paradee, Gary, Spieth Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0

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*Janice Blancett, City Clerk*