

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

June 07, 2010

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met June 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Mayor Marie Nepple presided. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Steve Dunlap, Doug Hosier, Nick Lucian, John Paradee, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: Jerri Burton, David Morrison.

Pastor Warren Stanton led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – CONDEMNATION HEARING 209 N HIGHLAND

Spieth moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 condemnation hearing of 209 N Highland as written. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

MINUTES – CONDEMNATION HEARING 1017 W WALNUT

Spieth moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 condemnation hearing of 1017 W Walnut as written. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING CDBG CLOSEOUT EAST TOWN SEWER

Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 public hearing for the CDBG closeout of East Town Sewer as written. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

MINUTES – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Hosier moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2010 council meeting as written. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Paradee. Motion carried: 7-0 1-A.

APPROPRIATIONS 10-240

Spieth moved to approve appropriation ordinance #10-240. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

City Administrator Evan Capron report:

1. It has been brought to my attention that we need to install soft rock or other material under the playground equipment at the City Park. This individual runs a day care and informed me she can't send the kids over there anymore as one child broke their arm some time ago. Actually it is the Christian Church and they did there's and it look real good. They used something like river rock or to some it's called pea gravel. City Superintendent Jim Burton said the only problem doing it like they have it is you run into ADA issues. We can go back and do it like we have in the past.
2. Mary Burke with the Maude Norton Hospital (Mercy Group) visited with me about installing some safety signs at the playground equipment warning of hazards associated with the equipment and weather elements. The Hospital will pay for the signs and would like to put their Mercy logo on the signs.

MAUDE NORTON TO PURCHASE SAFETY SIGNS FOR CITY PARK

Dunlap moved to allow Maude Norton erect safety signs at City Park, at no cost to the City, with no expectation and with proper installation by requirements. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0

3. On Wednesday night, June 2nd, 2 tornado sirens failed to work properly. The siren in the new Crossland addition next to the sewer lift station was not receiving activation and deactivation signal. The signal duration was lengthened from 1.5 seconds to 3.0 seconds. This fixed the problem. The siren at Maple and Parmenter had cable, antenna and receiver problems. The siren is functional as of June 4th. This siren has to run through a full 3 minute cycle before it can be shut down. Receiver repairs will need to be done before we have we have full control of this siren. We should get that cost this week as well as a price on a service contract on all 5 sirens. The problem with our sirens is that they don't get exercised enough. Manufacture recommends testing them weekly. I would like to suggest that the City run a siren test every Wednesday at 12:00 pm, noon. This test will take only 1 minute. The sirens would not be sounded if it appears to be stormy or the weather conditions would mislead you to believe this is a real warning. The test would be moved to Friday of that same week and time. The sirens need to be rotated once a week and help prevent rust buildup and debris to be nested in the sirens.

SOUNDING OF SIRENS FOR TESTING

Smith Gary moved to have siren testing done every 2 weeks on Monday at noon weather permitting or if inclement weather have it done on Wednesday at noon. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

4. I am working on the budget and entering City Assets into the new inventory program.

City Superintendent Jim Burton report:

1. Empire was in last week and got the 2 lights over by NAPPA working. The 4 on East Avenue belongs to either KDOT or Athrak they should be on Wednesday night. I talked to Empire and their engineers are working on that stretch south on East Avenue
2. All the poles and such across from Crossland is for the KMO Electric that is coming through.
3. I finally got with Heckert Construction and there is rock and asphalt to be removed on the parking lot south of Calibrated South. The estimate came to \$17,149. We do not have the equipment to do this.

PAY HECKERT CONSTRUCTION

Smith moved to pay Heckert Construction \$17,149 to dig out the rock, haul it to the plant and replace it with 6" of asphalt on Calibrated parking lot. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Spieth. Motion carried: 7-1.

RESOLUTION # 415

Spieth moved to adopt Resolution # 415 – *A Resolution of The City of Columbus, Kansas, Certifying Legal Authority of The Mayor To Sign Contracts on Behalf of The City and Binding The City For Participation in The Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.* Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

ORDINANCE # 1280

Spieth moved to adopt Ordinance # 1280 – *An Ordinance By The City Council of The City Of Columbus, Kansas, Adopting The Special Project Clerk Position Description*. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

ORDINANCE # 1281

Dunlap moved to adopt Ordinance # 1281 – *An Ordinance By The City Council of The City Of Columbus, Kansas, Adopting The Seasonal/Part – Time/Temporary Laborer Position Description*. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

RESOLUTION # 416

Spieth moved to adopt Resolution # 416 – *A Resolution Continuing Demolition Proceedings Regarding Property Located at 209 N Highland, Described as Block 1 of Duncan’s Addition Subdivision, Lot 1, EXC N 2.75’, in Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas*. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Tuesday June 8, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

Streets/Alleys/Bridges

Wednesday June 15, 2010 @ 6:45 pm

Water & Sewer

Wednesday June 15, 2010 @ 7:00pm

Fire

Wednesday June 15, 2010 @ 7:30 pm

Budget

Wednesday June 15, 2010 @ 8:00 pm

Lori Johnson from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council:

1. The Garden Tour will be held Sunday June 27 from 1 pm to 4 pm. Tickets are \$5 and you can get those at the chamber.
2. Chamber will be hosting a picnic on Pine Street June 23 from 5 pm to 7 pm.
3. Arm bands for the fair will be on sale June 28 and are \$18 in advance. The Chamber gets one dollar for each one sold.

Council member Spieth wanted to make the Council aware that the water rates from Bone Creek will be going up 25 cents per 1,000 gallons. It is going from \$3.50 per thousand to \$3.75 per thousand. Council member Smith said there will be another increase of about 10 cents on top of the 25 cents in about 3 years which is done due to the bond payments. The 25 cent raise does not take effect until the September billing.

ADJOURNMENT

Spieth moved to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 8-0.

Janice Blancett, City Clerk

