

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

June 21, 2010

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met June 21, 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, David Morrison, John Paradee, Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Dana Wellmeier. Members absent: None.

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

MINUTES

Hosier moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 council meeting as written. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Burton, Morrison. Motion carried: 8-0 2-A.

APPROPRIATIONS 10-241

Hosier moved to approve appropriation ordinance #10-241. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

VISITORS

Sue Cook – My name is Sue Cook and I live at 787 SW 20th. I am Harvey Wilcox's daughter. I kept his Gator after he died. I never had any problems until my husband came into town to get gas a few months ago and got stopped. They told him it was an ATV which it is not it is a farm utility vehicle. It's not the big one it is a smaller version. It does have lights and turn signals but we do not drive it at night. We just have a question as to why now we can't use it on public streets. Chief Charles Sharp informed Mrs. Cook that a year ago the State of Kansas passed a statute on gators, 4-wheelers and golf carts being operated within the City and or across State and Federal highways. The only way this would be legal to operate in the City limits would be if the Council passed an ordinance allowing it. Mrs. Cook asked if she could get a flag or a slow moving sign. City Attorney Barbara Wright informed her that it has to be equipped with all the safety equipment of a vehicle. That would be seat belts, turn signals, lights etc. Barbara said it is up to the City Council to opt in to allow it. The City Council has not done that. It is to their discretion to pass or to not pass such an ordinance. So far there has been discussion about it and they have opted not to pass the inclusion of that vehicle.

City Administrator Evan Capron report:

1. One of our office clerks is working with the Telephone Company with the watermelon eating contest on July 4th. The Telephone Company is paying for prizes. The Telephone Company will pay for half of the watermelons and is asking if the City would pay for the other half. The cost would be around \$20 to \$30 for the City's expense. Since this was such a small amount there was no vote taken on this and was left to the discretion of the City Administrator.
2. We have received the audited numbers for 2009. These numbers go into the budgeting process in 2011 for which I am moving ahead on quickly. The 2009 audit went very well with no violations or discrepancies. I expect to have the auditor here by the net council meeting to review the audit with the council.

3. A request came to sell beer on July 4th during the celebration at the American Legion. On investigation it was noted that this can not be done since the celebration is on a Sunday. This is a State law. There must be at least 30% in receipts of food sales to allow this. This is to inform you that there will not be any beer sales during the 4th of July celebration.

City Superintendent Jim Burton report:

1. I have been working with KDOT on the lights on the corner of East Avenue and Maple Street. There was a problem with the timer and ballast but they are working now.
2. We have locates for Empire to start hooking up and running wire on the east side of East Avenue going south to hook up those lights. The contractor should start anytime after tomorrow.
3. I have been working with KDOT and PEC on Jay Hatfield's driveway where car haulers drag going in and out.
4. I am working with KDOT and PEC on McDonalds outside parking lot light.
5. You have a list of streets that I will be going out for bids. Once all bids are in we will have a meeting to determine which streets are our top priorities to be fixed with the allotted amount of money.
6. Rock for the City Park has been ordered and should be here tomorrow.
7. There is a sign at Calibrated South in great repair. It is a City/State owned sign which does not allow any advertising. I am still working with the State and they suggested I have the City relinquish the sign to Calibrated. As soon as I get everything together on this I will bring it back to the council.
8. I emailed Calibrated and Heckert to get a time line on fixing the driveway on the south side of Calibrated South building.

Fire Chief Brad Gleason report:

1. We ran 8 calls since the last Council meeting; 2 fire alarms, 1 water rescue/body recovery, 1 EMS assist, 1 electric power pole fire, 1 electrical/equipment fire, 1 residential house fire and 1 gasoline spill clean up.
2. We have responded to 145 calls YTD.
3. The Fire Department bay is all painted and the new gear lockers are getting closer to completion.
4. Siren testing started today, all activated except the one on Parmenter Street as we are still waiting on parts.

RESOLUTION # 417

Hosier moved to adopt Resolution # 417 – *A Resolution Finding That The Structure Located at 1017 E. Walnut Is Unsafe and Dangerous and Directing That The Structures Be Removed and The Premises Made Safe and Secure* and to proceed with demolition. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

PURCHASE BOAT MOTOR

Burton moved to purchase a boat motor in the amount of \$3,400 for use at the sewer lagoon. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

SPENDING FOR STREET OVERLAYS

Hosier moved to spend \$180,000 for street overlays. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

EMPLOYEE ANNUAL STEP INCREASE –PAUL HARLOS

Paradee moved to give annual step increase for Paul Harlos to \$10.54 Range 7 Step I per Appendix A, due May 17, 2010 and payable on the July 2, 2010 payroll with retro pay. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Dunlap. Motion carried: 9-0 1-A.

EMPLOYEE ANNUAL STEP INCREASE – JACOB CAIN

Paradee moved to give annual step increase for Jacob Cain to \$8.65 Range 6 Step D per Appendix A, due June 21, 2010 and payable on the July 2, 2010 payroll with retro pay. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT – STEVEN J. BURTON

Spieth moved to accept the Mayors appointment of Steven J. Burton as Assistant Fire Chief. Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Abstaining: Burton. Motion carried: 9-0 1-A.

FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT – BRAD GLEASON

Bennett moved to accept the Mayors appointment of Brad Gleason as Fire Chief. Burton seconded the motion.. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT – MARADETH FREDERICK

Spieth moved to accept the Mayors appointment of Maradeth Frederick as Prosecuting Attorney. Wellmeier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE APPOINTMENT – JOHN MAZUREK

Hosier moved to accept the Mayors appointment of John Mazurek as Municipal Judge. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: Smith. Motion carried: 9-1.

CITY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT – ROBERT MYERS

Burton moved to accept the Mayors appointment of Robert E. Myers as City Attorney. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Morrison. Voting nay: Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Motion failed: 3-7.

Meetings:

Personnel

Tuesday June 22, 2010 @ 5:30 pm

Fire

Tuesday June 22, 2010 @ 7:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn meeting at 7:35 pm. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Morrison, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Wellmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

Janice Blancett, City Clerk