

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

January 03, 2012
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met January 03, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Council members present: Virgil Buckner, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Doug Hosier (6:33), Nick Lucian, John Paradee, Rodney Oels (6:35), Gary Smith, Grant Spieth, Hollie Young. Members absent: None.

Councilmember Grant Spieth led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Burton moved to approve the city council minutes from December 19, 2011 as written. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – 11-283

Smith moved to approve appropriation ordinance 11-283. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – 12-284

Burton moved to approve appropriation ordinance 12-284. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

VISITORS

Rick Hendricks, Empire District Electric Company – Mr. Hendricks, representing Empire District Electric Company, presented to the council the service agreement, franchise agreement ordinance and publication ordinance to be approved. The service agreement is the contract between the City and Empire, the franchise agreement will be for 10 years instead of the 20 years and the publication ordinance is giving permission to publish the franchise ordinance 4 times in the local newspaper. The final reading of the franchise ordinance will be read at the February 6, 2012 council meeting.

Mel Greene, President Columbus Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Greene came before the council to introduce a new recognition program to the citizens of Columbus called the Spirit of Columbus Award. He believes that one person can make a difference or change the world. Maybe not alone, but with likeminded people. So tonight he would like to present the first Spirit of Columbus Award to Councilmember Rodney Oels.

Jane Wemhoener, 609 S. Pennsylvania – Ms. Wemhoener came before the council to ask if there was a policy regarding the attendance of council members. Are they paid by the meeting or how. This is something the council may want to look into as her belief is that councilmembers are there to represent their constituents and by not attending the meetings there is no representation. City Attorney Robert Myers said we would look into that.

Jason Maddox, MACO Development – Mr. Maddox came before the council to inform them that MACO Development will be working with a non-profit organization in order to secure financing to renovate the Apple Glen Apartments located at 1200 E Maple. As part of the renovation, they will propose to replace all of the major building components such as roofing, siding, windows, doors, cabinets, site lighting, floor covering, appliances, plumbing and electrical fixtures, etc., as well as handicap accessibility modifications. There will be no expense to the City. His request from the council would be a Resolution of Support.

ORDINANCE #1306 – SERVICE AGREEMENT-EMPIRE

Burton moved to adopt Ordinance #1306 – *An Ordinance authorizing and providing a contract between the City of Columbus, Kansas and The Empire District Electric Company.* Hosier seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Oels, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: none. Motion carried: 10-0.

ORDINANCE #1307 – FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – EMPIRE

Hosier moved to adopt Ordinance #1307 – *An Ordinance granting The Empire District Electric Company the right to use the streets, alleys and public grounds for a period of 10 years.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Oels, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: none. Motion carried: 10-0.

ORDINANCE #1308 – EMPIRE NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Burton moved to adopt Ordinance #1308 – *An Ordinance directing the City Clerk cause to publish Ordinance #1307 in full in the official newspaper.* Oels seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Oels, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: none. Motion carried: 10-0.

RESOLUTION #435 – SUPPORT AND APPROVAL MACO HOUSING

Oels moved to adopt Resolution # 435 – *The City of Columbus has been informed by Columbus Properties, L.P. that a housing tax credit application will be filed with the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for the development of affordable rental housing to be located at 1200 E. Maple.* Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Oels, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: none. Motion carried: 10-0.

STREET LIGHTS IN CROSSLAND ADDITION

Hosier moved to purchase 2 street lights for the Crossland Addition from Empire District Electric Company in the amount of \$6,229. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Oels, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: none. Motion carried: 10-0.

PURCHASE VEHICLE

Mike Carpino Ford	\$25,838.17
Hatfield Chevrolet	\$27,490.00

Oels moved to purchase a 2012 F150 Crew Cab 4X4 short bed from Mike Carpino Ford in the amount of \$25,838.17. This will be paid out of Streets, Garbage, Water & Sewer. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Lucian, Oels, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: Buckner, Burton, Hosier, Smith. Abstaining: Paradee. Motion carried: 5-4 1-A.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Burton moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes from 7:24 pm to 7:29 pm on non-elected personnel with council and City Attorney in attendance. Smith seconded the motion.

Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Oels, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried: 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:49 PM

COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR TRIPS & MEETINGS

Burton moved that all Department Heads and City Employees must seek prior approval from the Council before attending meetings or classes during City time and with use of City vehicles, whether it be overnight or through the day. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Oels, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Oels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes from 7:40 pm to 7:45 pm on non-elected personnel with council, City Attorney, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Oels, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: none. Motion carried: 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:45 PM

Meetings:

Fire

Monday, January 09, 2012 @ 6:00 pm

Personnel

Monday, January 09, 2012 @ 6:30 pm

Property/Pool/Parks

Monday, January 09, 2012 @ 7:00 pm

Budget & Finance

Thursday, January 12, 2012 @ 5:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Paradee moved to adjourn meeting at 7:47 pm. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Buckner, Burton, Dunlap, Hosier, Lucian, Oels, Paradee, Smith, Spieth, Young. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

Janice Blancett, City Clerk