

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 4, 2015  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met May 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Dexter Opela. Council members present: Dale Burton, Barbara Capron, Steve Dunlap, Mike Leighty, David Martin, Marion Morgan, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, W.E. Schaiff. Council members absent: Jerri Burton.

Dennis Johnson representing the Sherwin Christian Center led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Los Lunas Mexican Restaurant Liquor Wavier**

Mayor Dexter Opela opened the public hearing meeting at 6:33 p.m. by reading the Public Hearing Notice:

This meeting was called to consider a request of a waiver and exception to the Code of the City of Columbus, Section 3-102; Restriction upon location, on behalf of Los Lunas Mexican Restaurant, Inc. regarding sale and consumption of liquor. In accordance with City Code Section 3-102, sale of liquor restricted by location and not permitted within 200 feet from any church, school, nursing home, library, hospital, or park.

Mayor Opela asked if there was someone representing Los Lunas Restaurant. Attorney John Bullard approached the council stating that Elizabeth Lunas is present and he is legal counsel representing Ms. Lunas and the restaurant. Mr. Bullard informed the council the State has approved the liquor license for Los Lunas and now that the State process has been completed we are requesting the waiver from the City.

City Attorney Robert Myers advised the council Los Lunas has been granted a liquor license from the State of Kansas and the wavier would fall under City Code section 3-102. The City has previously granted a waiver for cereal malt beverage.

Mayor asked if there was anyone else that would like to comment or address the council. There were no replies.

**GRANTING OF WAIVER – LOS LUNAS**

Leighty moved to grant a waiver and exception to the City Code of Columbus, Section 3-102 restriction upon location on behalf of Los Lunas Mexican Restaurant, Inc. regarding the sale and consumption of alcohol liquor. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Richards. Voting nay: Morgan, Patterson, Schaiff. Motion carried 6-3.

## **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Capron moved to close the public hearing for Los Lunas. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

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*Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk*

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Burton Dale moved to approve Council Meeting minutes from April 20, 2015 as presented. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

## **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-380**

Burton Dale moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 15-380 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

## **VISITOR – *Robin Wells***

Robin Wells representative of the Columbus Recreation Commission introduced to the council a list of recommendations and improvements to the City's parks.

## **ALLOW BLEACHERS**

Morgan moved to allow the Columbus Recreation Commission to purchase and place two fifteen foot aluminum bleacher sections in the City Park near the basketball court. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

## **VISITOR – *Malinda Heflin***

Malinda Heflin approached the council asking for permission to place a new double wide manufactured home at 621 North Ohio. Mrs. Heflin received City Ordinance 1298 and 1331 from City Hall. She was informed there are lot size and set back requirements. Mrs. Heflin was advised to get in touch with the Police Chief Daniels once lot is staked off to determine if ordinance requirements have been met.

## **PURCHASE INCINERATOR GRATES**

Morgan moved to purchase five (5) steel grates from Mitchell Metals, Joplin Missouri for the dog pound incinerator not to exceed \$900.00. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**REPLACE HEAT PUMP – GEANOLOGY BUILDING**

Morgan moved to purchase and replace existing heat pump at the Genealogy Building with Heil unit from Commercial and Residential Service as quoted not to exceed \$3,576.00. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**STEP INCREASE – RICHARD SANCHEZ**

Capron moved to approve step increase for Richard Sanchez, Laborer, from \$8.03 to \$8.23 per hour, Range 6 Step B per Appendix A retro to April 12, 2015. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**LONGEVITY PAY – Russell Zwahlen**

Capron moved to approve longevity pay for Russell Zwahlen, Laborer, in the amount of \$328.85 payable the first payroll of December 2015. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**RESIGNATION – Roy Davis**

Capron moved to accept resignation of Roy Davis, Mechanic, in good standing effective May 8, 2015 providing he fulfills his two week notice. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**HIRE SUMMER LABORERS – CEMETERY 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR**

Capron moved to hire Benjamin Jones III and Gatlynn Woods for the position of Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Laborer for the Cemetery with a starting wage of \$7.46 per hour Range 4 Step D per Appendix A, providing they pass all pre-employment screenings. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**HIRE SUMMER LABORERS – 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR**

Capron moved to hire Mason Bass and Ethan Martin for the position of Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Laborer with a starting wage of \$7.46 per hour Range 4 Step D per Appendix A, providing they pass all pre-employment screenings. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**HIRE SUMMER LABORERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR**

Capron moved to hire Matthew Bolin, Drew Cornwall, Jeremy Mitchell and Chance Ray for the position of Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Laborer with a starting wage of \$7.28 per hour, Range 4 Step C per Appendix A, providing they pass all pre-employment screenings. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Capron called for a twenty minute executive session at 8:17 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship with the

Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Chief of Police, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**REGULAR SESSION 8:37 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Burton Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**Meetings:**

Police and Licensing

Thursday, May 7, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Water and Sewer

Monday, May 11, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.

Property/ Pools/Parks

Monday, May 11, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. *Will meet at the City Park*

Personnel

Thursday, May 12, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*