

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2015
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met November 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Dexter Opela. Council members present: Dale Burton, Jerri Burton, Barbara Capron, Steve Dunlap, Mike Leighty, David Martin, Marion Morgan, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, W.E. Schaiff. Council members absent: None.

Pastor Roger Beason, Pastor from First Christian Church, led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Burton Jerri moved to approve Council Meeting minutes of October 19, 2015 as presented. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-392

Leighty moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 15-392 as presented. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD RENEWAL

Leighty moved to approve renewal of city employee medical and dental insurance coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield for 2016 as quoted. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 10-0.

DOWNTOWN REHABILITATION GRANT PHASE III

Schaiff moved to approve Downtown Revitalization Grants for Maple UnCommon (\$5,000.00), Columbus Christian Center (\$1,395.00), Davis Real Estate (\$3,400.00) and Daylight Donut Shop (\$825.00). Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

DOWNTOWN REHABILITATION GRANT PHASE IV

Schaiff moved to make \$19,380.00 left from Phase III available January 4, 2016 for Downtown Revitalization Grant Phase IV, with applications due back at City Hall February 18, 2016. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRE MECHANIC – DAVID QUALLS

Capron moved to hire David Qualls for the position of Mechanic, Range 13 Step C, providing he passes all pre-employment screenings. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

LONGEVITY PAY – TERRI KERSHAW

Capron moved to approve longevity pay for Terri Kershaw, Municipal Court Clerk, in the amount of \$381.26, payable the first payroll of December 2015. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

LONGEVITY PAY – SCOTT BENNETT

Capron moved to approve longevity pay for Scott Bennett, Wastewater Operator, in the amount of \$512.93, payable the first payroll of December 2015. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EMPLOYEE RAISE

Capron moved to approve \$1.50 per hour pay increase for all full time employees in the Public Works Department, Administration (with the exception of the City Administrator), Fire Department, the Animal Control Officer and the Municipal Court Clerk, beginning the pay period of December 6, 2015 with no merit raises, step increases or longevity pay being paid in 2016. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Morgan, Patterson, Schaiff. Voting nay: Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Richards. Motion carried 6-4.

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2016 RAISE

Capron moved to give no merit raises, step increases or longevity pay in the Police Department in 2016, with the exception of the current Lieutenant position. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

PRIDE

Schaiff moved for the City to enroll in the Kansas PRIDE Program. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ORDINANCE 1362

Leighty moved to approve Ordinance 1362 – *An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1186, 1208 and the Personnel Regulations for the Employees of the City of Columbus, Kansas, and Repealing any Ordinance or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith. (Appendix A-1 reflecting \$2.00 police department raise)* as corrected. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Morgan. Motion carried 9-1.

ORDINANCE 1363

Capron moved to approve Ordinance 1363 – *An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1186, 1208 and the Personnel Regulations for the Employees of the City of Columbus, Kansas, and Repealing Any Ordinance or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith. (Appendix A Pay Classification System for all full time employees reflecting \$1.50 raise)* as corrected. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Dunlap, Leighty. Motion carried 8-2.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

None

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk