

## City of Columbia Council Meeting – February 6, 2024

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Trevor Meints, Emily Eichler, Jeremy Dosch**

**Community: Kevin Nelson, Julie Lillis, Lisa Mohr, Glen Larson**

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were passed out from the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Emily Eichler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

**Warrant Vouchers:** JVT – fire prevention – 207.13 ; Web Water – fire prevention – 50.58; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1723.97; Runnings – 31.29; GDI – publication –66.50; NASASP – 39.00; Jeremy Dosch– 419.99 ; Cara Dennert – December wages– 1235.25; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies - 126.74; Runnings – shop supplies – 80.94; SDATT – membership dues – 205.00

Trevor pointed out - on the posted agenda, Cara had listed the voucher amount for her salary as December wages. That should have been listed as January wages. Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as amended. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORESPONDENCE:** 2024 Boundary and Annexation Survey – Corey took care of the survey.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Kevin Nelson was present to discuss the vacating of the alley by their home. He still needs one signature before we can have a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the vacation at the March meeting. If he has that signature at that time, we can have our second reading of that vacation at the March equalization meeting. There was more discussion about the user agreement for the baseball park. Emily will put some final corrections into the agreement before the next meeting.

**Nuisances** - Code Enforcement Specialists had a report to present the Council. The council was in agreement to proceed with sending the owner(s) a final notice giving them an additional 2 weeks to comply or their vehicle or junk will be abated. This means towing away vehicles. The owner of the property is responsible for all costs related to an abatement. Cole Kampa made a motion for Mike Olson to proceed. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried. A reminder dog letter will go out with the next sewer invoices. There are a few new residents in town – some in need of dog licenses.

**Streets** – There was a city map update from NECOG. Corey completed the update. The streets are a mess currently. Paula Jensen passed along a grant opportunity for some street signs. Corey is working on that paperwork.

**Parks** - Emily brought up some thoughts on Summer Rec 2024. While she would help with planning and Olivia would help with the activities, the city is looking for someone to be in charge. Anyone interested should let a council member know. Corey is applying for a grant for cameras for the parks. The council received a check from Dean Buntrock covering the mowing of the new parks.

**Lagoon/sewer** - Stockwell Engineers are working with the council to do some studies of our storm water and waste water facilities. Cole Kampa made a motion that Mayor Mitchell should send in the planning grant application to start the study. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

**Rubble Site** – In order for the site to be burned properly, we need an excavator to push the rubble into piles. Still in the works.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Cara purchased an external drive to back up the city files. The Social Opportunities group was present to talk about the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Columbia Fest. Parking and streets being blocked off last year seemed to work out well. They need to get a better staging route for the parade figured out. They asked if it will be possible to get some of the vendors and the games onto the grass in the park this year – Corey said that the grass should be more established and it shouldn't be a problem – as long as it's foot traffic only. They are also hoping to promote the use of the games that the park has to offer – pickle ball, frisbee golf, and basketball. They are looking to hold an informal All-School Reunion.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Cara has started the annual report. She presented bank balances. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

January 31, 2024 balances: SF - \$ 70,164.35; SF Money Market –\$ 150,596.80;

GF - \$ 127,773.33; GF Money Market - \$ 50,531.22; CD Money Market - \$ 32,246.61;

FIT - \$ 14,894.60; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Next City Council Meeting – March 6, 2024 7:00 p.m.

**Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer**

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