

City of Columbia Council Meeting – June 5, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Jeremy Dosch, Emily Eichler, Scott Meints

Community: Cheryl Kampa

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cara Dennert pointed out that there were a couple of corrections to the posted agenda. The voucher amount to Menards was supposed to be 227.34 and two bills came in after posting – Stockwell Engineering for 3125.00 and Public Health Laboratory for 168.00. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Emily Eichler 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 handed out from the May 1st meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: : JVT – fire prevention – 201.91; Web Water – fire prevention – 50.64; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1658.23; Double D Lot Services – 4492.00; Jeremy Dosch– May wages -419.99; Cara Dennert – May wages– 1235.25; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz – legal fees -1213.45 - Runnings – shop supplies – 113.55; Menards – shop supplies – 209.77-227.34; GDI – publication –46.08; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies – 67.84; USPS – 340.00 – 5 rolls of postage stamps; Double D Lot Services – 5907.00; Stockwell Engineering-3125.00 – wastewater facility plan; Public Health Lab. – sample analysis – 168.00

Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the vouchers as corrected. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The council is asking for another grant application from the Columbia Foundation for the security system cameras to be used in the new parks. Corey reviewed the information regarding the trade/purchase of the John Deere mower/maintenance vehicle. The cost for the city will be \$5249.12 Emily Eichler made a motion to make the deal. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Nuisances - There are a couple of problem residences in town that need to be addressed. There is also a lot of tall weeds that need to be taken care of.

Streets – Corey has repaired some of the potholes on the streets using his own equipment. He read the proposed vacation of the alleyway between James Street and Broadway Street, running north and south from 2nd Avenue NW to 3rd Avenue NW. The council had a first reading of an alleyway vacation on the lot belonging to the Fire Department and the Columbia Congregational Church. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to go ahead with the vacation. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried. Scott brought a bid from Newman for replacing various signs around town that were missing. After discussion, the council decided to go ahead with the order.

Parks - nothing further

Lagoon/sewer - nothing

Rubble Site – The city needs to get a track hoe in to stack the site properly before a burn.

NEW BUSINESS - Jeremy Dosch took his oath of office as a councilman. Cheryl Kampa was present representing the Columbia Social Opportunities Group. She discussed the upcoming Columbia Fest. The parade route has been changed to start on the south end of town. There will be a car show, kid’s games & inflatables, food trucks, Fire Dept. foam shooter, talent show, all school reunion and a concert by Bad Dawg. The county is on the schedule to spray for mosquitos in town tomorrow. Cara is checking into the State’s Mosquito Grant.

FINANCIAL REPORT –Cara presented bank balances. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

May 31, 2024 balances: SF - \$ 70,668.61; SF Money Market –\$ 151,074.87;
GF - \$ 169,756.40; GF Money Market - \$ 50,691.64; CD Money Market - \$32,348.98;
FIT - \$15,141.67; Cash on hand - \$0

Next City Council Meeting – June 19, 2024 7:00 p.m. (2nd reading for alleyway vacation)

Next Regular City Council Meeting – July 10, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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