

**City of Columbia Council Meeting – September 4, 2024**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints, Trevor Meints**

**Community: Joe Whitlock, Ray Larson, Josh Larson, Isaac Abeln, Sadie Hanna, Tony Bisbee, Collin Eichler**

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cara mentioned the addition of a bill from Titan to the proposed agenda. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the amended 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 handed out from the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: JVT – fire prevention – 212.85; Jeremy Dosch– Aug. wages -419.99 –; Cara Dennert – Aug wages– 1235.25; GDI – publication –34.22; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies -89.32; Runnings – shop supplies – 14.68; Johnson Rock & Gravel – street gravel -1,169.56; Quality Quick Print – 6x4 plate for park bench – 30.00; Titan – skid steer– 500.00  
Scott Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers as corrected. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: Northwestern Energy- metered rate letter, WEB rate increase letter  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The council reviewed the new request form from the Columbia Foundation. Joe discussed the options for sewer improvement. The infrastructure of our lagoon system is aging and past its life expectancy. Scott Meints made a motion for Corey Mitchell to sign the state water plan so that it can be sent to NECOG and then on to DENR. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Nuisances- The council would like to remind residents that the county is having free drop off at the landfill until September 14<sup>th</sup>. The council also discussed a water issue in a residence.

**Streets** – There has been gravel put on N. Lake Blvd. The grader will be called. Scott mentioned that the street signs are in and will be put up soon.

**Parks** - Payment has been received for a bench in memory of Earl & Marion Daly. There has been a lot of discussion regarding the sprinkler system and irrigation filters. The filters are not taking enough iron out of the water. Water Control has been out to advise on replacement media in each well. We are running out of time to fix this before winter. Jeremy will continue to work with this company and have their work on the system warrantied.

**Lagoon/Sewer** - The site was sprayed. There are some trees that need to be trimmed.

**Rubble Site** – John Hansen is going to stack the piles before a burn this winter.

**NEW BUSINESS** - The Columbia Baseball Committee was present to discuss various issues. They have a mower for the outfield. We will be checking to see if our insurance policy covers the shed that it is housed in and the contents of the shed. They figure the cost of the shed and contents to be between \$40-\$45,000. There was discussion about upgrades that need to be done around the fence for weeding. The Baseball Committee would also like to mount the old scoreboard in the concession stand area.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** –The council reviewed the proposed 2025 budget. After discussion, Trevor Meints made a motion to pass the first reading of the 2025 budget ordinance. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Second reading will be September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cara presented bank balances. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.  
August 31, 2024, balances: SF - \$ 68,757.64; SF Money Market –\$ 151,435.92.

GF - \$ 146,068.97; GF Money Market - \$50,812.78; CD Money Market - \$ 32,426.29.

FIT - \$ 15,332.98; Cash on hand - \$0

Next City Council Meeting – September 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. (Second reading of 2025 Budget)

Next Regular City Council Meeting – October 24, 2024 7:00 p.m.

**Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer**

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