

City of Columbia Council Meeting – October 2, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

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

Community: Ryan Truax, Ted Dickey

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cara mentioned the addition of a bill from Johnson Rock & Gravel 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 Sept 19th meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1482.76; Web – fire prevention – 52.02; Brown County Treasurer – mosquito prevention – 624.36; JVT – fire prevention – 212.85; Double D Lot Services – mowing and fertilizing– 9252.00; Jeremy Dosch– Sept. wages -419.99 –; Cara Dennert – Sept wages– 1235.25; GDI – publications –96.86; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies -222.16; Runnings – shop supplies – 42.86; Park & Play – Daly Memorial Bench - 2,283.23; Corey Mitchell – 3rd quarter wages –340.34; Trevor Meints – 3rd quarter wages – 296.46; Emily Eichler - 3rd quarter wages – 255.29; Jeremy Dosch - 3rd quarter wages – 296.46; Scott Meints - 3rd quarter wages – 296.46; SD Unemployment Insurance – insurance – 33.23; United States Treasury – 3rd quarter 941 – 2067.50; Johnson Rock & Gravel – gravel for streets – 585.90

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: Pipeline Safety letter

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Ted Dickey & Ryan Truax were present to discuss wastewater and drainage plans for State Water plan/public notice. There is a compliance issue with our lagoon in the imminent future. Ted explained that in order to qualify for state monies we will need to raise our sewer rates. There is a sag issue between James & Lake Blvd. Ted reviewed our rates and the possible loan amount of 3.714 million. He explained that the DANR focuses on the natural water areas and look to the best interests of the environment. This doesn't lock the city into signing on with the project, but it starts the ball rolling so that the council can make informed decisions on what dollar amount that we would be looking at to need to finance. We need to know what the government would be willing to put towards the project. After much discussion, Trevor Meints made a motion to pass resolution 24-02 to authorize Corey Mitchell to sign the application for financial assistance. 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 14th. The council also discussed a water issue in a residence.

Streets – The grader will be here to blade some streets soon. We were trying to hold off for rain, but . . .

Parks – The Columbia Committees asked for permission to hang up some Halloween decorations at the new park.

Lagoon/Sewer - See unfinished business

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

NEW BUSINESS – Trevor is looking at new tires and rims for the Bobcat.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara talked recently with Rod Fortin in the State Auditor's office. On the annual report, it stated that the General Fund is very low in funds. The Sales Tax Fund dollar amount was very high. For the last 5 years, all sales tax monies have been put into the later fund. Rod explained that we need to keep 2 or 3 years worth of mortgage for our City Hall in the Sales Tax Fund, but the majority could be transferred to the General Fund. Emily Eichler made a motion to transfer \$80,000 to the General Fund. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Cara presented bank balances. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

September 30, 2024, balances: SF - \$ 70,729.10; SF Money Market –\$ 151,553.84.

GF - \$ 135,386.82; GF Money Market - \$ 50,852.35; CD Money Market - \$ 32,451.54

FIT - \$15,393.60; Cash on hand - \$0

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

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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