

City of Columbia Council Meeting – February 5, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

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

Community: Ben Jeffrey, Sam Hoppock

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the agenda. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. Scott Meints said that he will abstain from voting on commitment to confirm participation with the Brown County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. There were no further conflicts. Minutes were handed out from the Jan. 8th meeting. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the minutes. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers Warrant Vouchers: Web – fire prevention – 54.30; JVT – fire prevention – 213.04; Jeremy Dosch– Jan. wages -444.69–; Cara Dennert – Jan. wages– 1317.60; Corey Mitchell – Jan. wages – 55.69; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies -295.50 ; SDATT – 2025 membership dues – 205.00; GDI – publishing – 88.85; NASASP – membership dues – 39.00; Shane Moser – dump piling work – 2438.78; Runnings – shop supplies – 28.47

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: e-mail Josh Wallberg/breakdown for the 2024 Taxes Payable in 2025; NEOG -2027 Mitigation Plan Grant Application

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Wastewater and drainage plans for State Water plan – state funding amounts will be announced in March.

Nuisances – The council has been working on getting rid of an abandoned trailer house in town. There have been several complaints regarding dogs/waste on private properties in town. The council is going to consider revamping our current ordinance to make owners more aware of their responsibilities regarding their pets.

Streets – no report

Parks – The council discussed the possibility of putting up permanent illumination of the arch in the park.

Lagoon/Sewer - Delinquent sewer accounts were also discussed. Certified letters will be sent to delinquent sewer accounts over \$100, followed by papers being served and services being disconnected if account balances are not paid up. As stated in our city ordinances, disconnecting and reconnecting services would be paid by the delinquent household.

Rubble Site –The pit has been stacked and is ready for a burn this weekend or next.

NEW BUSINESS – Corey brought up the need for a motion to approve the commitment for participation with Brown County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Trevor Meints made a motion to have Corey Mitchell sign the commitment letter regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Brown County. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor with Scott Meints abstaining from voting. Ben Jeffery was present to find out what our lawyer advised on the possible deannexation of some land on the northwest edge of town. Corey had talked to Rod Tobin and it didn't sound like a possible option. Patti Daly was present to discuss the possibility of adding a small enclosed area to the new park. There was much discussion about size and location of a building. She is willing to start the grant process to see what money could be gathered to cover the cost of such a facility. She stated that there is a T-Mobile grant for communities less than 50,000 people to receive \$50,000. The council was very interested, but feels very strapped financially with the new parks. Patti will research more grant opportunities. She will bring more information to the March 6th meeting. She also brought up the issue of the park needing more electrical outlets. This caused a few problems during the holiday season and would be used for many events throughout the year. Because Wednesday the 5th is Ash Wednesday, the March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6th, 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The last individual CD that the city owned became mature. It was put into the CD Money Market account. Cara presented bank balances. She is continuing work on the annual report.

Emily Eichler made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

January 31, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 80,424.11; SF Money Market –\$ 152,038.61;

GF - \$ 152,014.15; GF Money Market - \$ 51,015.01; CD Money Market - \$ 41,429.31

FIT - \$ 15,617.66; Cash on hand - \$0

Next Regular City Council Meeting – **Thursday, March 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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