

City of Columbia Council Meeting – May 7, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Dana Mohr, Cara Dennert, Trevor Meints, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints

Community: Michelle & Bill Johnson, Ben Jeffrey, Lisa Mohr, Pam Blair, Jeff & Julie Voeller, Angela & Judy Grieb

President Trevor Meints called the meeting to order. Trevor called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cara Dennert mentioned that two bills that came in today's mail were added to the voucher list. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Trevor called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts.

Minutes were handed out from the April 8th canvassing meeting. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers Web – fire prevention – 53.30; Zaida Larson – election worker– 250.00; Larry Vietmeier – election worker– 250.00; Lorie Gilchrist – election worker – 250.00; JVT – fire prevention – 213.07; Northwestern Energy – 1542.36 – electricity; GDI – publishing – 143.67; SDFOGA – Finance officer school – 100.00; Jeremy Dosch– April wages - 489.16; Cara Dennert – April wages– 1317.60; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies – 707.50; Brown County Sheriff – nuisance follow up –122.00; Post Office – 6 rolls of stamps – 438.00; Runnings – shop supplies – 30.48; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1416.07

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- The council is looking for land for the new lagoons that will be constructed. Jeremy will be contacting some individuals to see if they are interested. This acquisition needs to be sooner rather than later.

Nuisances – Scott received information regarding Brown County's dog ordinances from Emily. He will look them over and discuss more with Emily and we will address issues next month.

Streets – The roads have been graded. We will order four loads of gravel from Shane Johnson. Three to address current issues and a fourth to stockpile for issues that arise.

Parks – There are problems with two of the three new wells in the new parks. Jeremy has gotten bids to fix this issue . After discussion, the board decided to hire Shane Moser to do the work. After the work is completed, work above ground will need to be addressed as well. Dana will contact Terry about direct billing of these projects. There are trees in the park that need to be replaced. This won't happen until fall. There was discussion regarding the old ball park. There was agreement that it needs to be burned/cleaned up. There were thoughts of putting it to farmland or a possible campsite. Trevor will talk to the fire department about the possibility of getting it burned off.

Lagoon/Sewer - paygov.com is an option for residents to pay their monthly sewer bill. It's a basic service in which they can pay their monthly bill with a credit/debit card along with a flat \$1 fee charged by paygov.com It is a free service for the city to use.

Rubble Site –It has been burned – looks good.

NEW BUSINESS – The entire Council (minus Sam Hoppock – congrats on new baby girl!) and Mayor read and signed their oath of office. Dana took over the meeting. The state funding for mosquito spraying has been discontinued. Jeremy talked to Brown County Weed & Pest Control and they will continue to spray for us. They quoted us \$164 per application. The council decided spraying should occur twice a week through the summer. There will also be extra spraying around Columbia Fest time. Dana had questions and issues he wanted to discuss with the board. Some topics included: passcodes, gas recording, city equipment, time clock, shop arrangement, inventory, reviewing ordinances, grants for road improvements (including Scott ordering a couple signs), chickens, sidewalks, dustproofing roads, and a residential area that is in the process of getting cleaned up. We will revisit the progress of that site in Aug./Sept.

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

April 30, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 107,479.94; SF Money Market –\$ 152,391.07;

GF - \$ 142,148.16; GF Money Market - \$ 51,133.27; CD Money Market - \$ 41,525.35

FIT - \$ 15769.91; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Mohr adjourned the meeting.

Next City Council Meeting - Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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