

**City of Columbia Council Meeting – June 4, 2025**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL –Cara Dennert, Trevor Meints, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints, Sam Hoppock**

**Community: Bill Johnson, Ben Jeffrey, Ted Dickey**

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 May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

**Warrant Vouchers:** Web – fire prevention – 52.92; JVT – fire prevention – 213.17; Jeremy Dosch– May wages -688.53; Cara Dennert – May wages– 1317.60; Runnings – shop supplies – 60.37; B&B Contracting – blading streets – 2,000; Double D Lot Services – lawn care -7,297.50; GDI News – publication – 46.63

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

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE:** e-mail from Brown Co Planning & Zoning – garage permit; Bailey McTigue – DANR – historic preservation letter – regarding sewer project

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**Nuisances** – There is progress being made on a couple locations in town.

**Streets** – The roads have been bladed, and one load of gravel has been laid. There will be another load coming.

**Parks** – Jeremy worked with Parkview on the malfunctioning wells. They are fixed now. There was a PVC pipe leaking. Jeremy documented and photographed everything. Parkview will come back to fix the sod. The grass in the outfield is still a problem. Jeremy is going to take a soil sample and send it to the University of Minnesota to see if they can pinpoint the problem with the subsoil. Jeremy also did water testing and sent it to Pierre. There was much discussion on the water in the wells. Scott thought that we maybe should check the drinking water levels while we are testing.

**Lagoon/Sewer**-Ted Dickey was present to discuss the process of land acquisition for our sewer lagoons. He stated that first we talk to those who own the land that might be an option. If we find some interested parties, then the city attorney should be involved in working through those negotiations. When those offers are made, the council will go into an executive session to discuss options. After that many different entities will need to sign off on the site that we acquire.

**Rubble Site** – It is looking good.

**NEW BUSINESS** –Sam Hoppock read and signed his oath of office. Welcome to the Columbia City Council Sam!

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

May 31, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 109,067.96; SF Money Market –\$ 152,514.03;

GF - \$ 205,590.64; GF Money Market - \$51,174.53; CD Money Market - \$ 41,558.85

FIT - \$ 15,822.94; Cash on hand - \$0

Trevor Meints adjourned the meeting.

Next City Council Meeting - Wednesday, July 2, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

**Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer**

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