

City of Columbia Council Meeting – September 8, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL –Dana Mohr, Cara Dennert, Scott Meints, Sam Hoppock, Trevor Meints

Community: Lacey & Ben Jeffrey, Julie & Jeff Voeller, Lisa Mohr, Pam Blair, Angela & Judy Grieb, Andrew Murray

Mayor Dana Mohr called the meeting to order. Dana called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cara added two vouchers to the posted list. (Bills in the mail.) Scott Meints made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Dana called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were handed out from the August 6th meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers Web – fire prevention – 102.94; JVT – fire prevention – 213.01; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1476.61; Agtegra – fuel – 96.25; Jeremy Dosch– August wages -633.98; Cara Dennert – August wages– 1317.60; Hansen Excavating – blading roads – 765.31; Stockwell Engineering – 6267.80; Menards – 46.77; Brown County Treasurer – mosquito control – 1593.89; Double D Lot Services – August lawn care – 7382.00; Web – fire prevention – 55.94; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1167.84

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: - SD Community Foundation, Chris Anderson – building permit for Firehall; Web Water – rate increase

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- wastewater and drainage plans/Stockwell Engineering, Regarding Voller’s trees, Dana contacted Andrew Murray to clarify bid to have trees removed. It will be \$4500 to cut the trees down, grind stumps, fill holes with gravel and haul them to the park. The board discussed the bid and what to do with the trees. Scott Meints made a motion to remove the trees and put them in the old park. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Nuisances – Letters will be sent to a couple residents in regards to ordinance violations.

Streets – There was some concern brought to the board regarding the culverts near Agtegra. The grass in the area has plugged up the culverts. Trevor and Jeremy will use a fire truck and blow out the culvert to open it up again. The city is working on getting a couple loads of gravel for the streets. Julie mentioned that the land on the north edge of town needs a street sign to make it easier to find for 911 purposes. Scott will find a sign to put up at that corner.

Parks – Jeremy has been working on the ballpark well. There is a control box issue. Extra filters have been bought for the wells. They will be installed soon to check the iron levels before the water is shut off for the winter. Jeremy & Park View walked around the park evaluating trees and what to do with them before fall.

Lagoon/Sewer-no report

Rubble Site – no report

NEW BUSINESS Executive Session to discuss city attorney started at 7:35pm. Council came out of executive session at 8:00 pm. The council worked on the 2026 City of Columbia Budget. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the first reading of the 2026 Budget. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

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.

August 31, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 100,383.04; SF Money Market –\$ 152,879.52;

GF - \$ 193,200.58; GF Money Market - \$ 51,297.17; CD Money Market - \$ 41,658.44

FIT - \$ 15,981.13; Cash on hand - \$0

Trevor Meints made a motion to go into executive session to discuss city attorney. Scott Meints seconded the motion. Start time 7:35 p.m. End time 8:00 p.m. Mayor Mohr adjourned the meeting.

Next Special City Council Meeting regarding the 2026 Budget will be Monday September 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Next regular City Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 – 7:00 p.m

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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