

City of Columbia Council Meeting – November 5, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

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

Community: Lisa Mohr, Pam Blair, Michelle Johnson, Julie Voeller, Angela Grieb

Mayor Dana Mohr called the meeting to order. Dana called for a motion to approve the agenda. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the agenda. Sam Hoppock 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 October 1st meeting. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers Web Water – fire prevention – 54.56; Double D Lot Service – park lawn care– 8400.00; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1252.66; JVT – fire prevention – 213.97; Jeremy Dosch– October wages -795.25; Cara Dennert – October wages– 1317.60; GDI – publications – 335.33; Johnson Rock & Gravel – street supplies – 1846.70; SDML – Renewal Billing/ Workmen’s Comp. Fund – 445.00; Brown County Treasurer – mosquito control – 1152.62

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: - Julie wanted to thank the city for the tree removal. Angela asked about the cost of electricity in the city. There was also a question regarding opening a store. The council recommends they contact the Brown County Zoning Committee & the State Department of Revenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- The new lagoon area will be staked soon, and soil boring will also take place.

Nuisances – Scott and Sam have been looking over/working on some revisions of the Brown County dog ordinances. They still want to talk with the Brown County Sheriff to iron out some of the additions. Hopefully we can have a 1st reading at next month's meeting.

Streets –The roads need to be bladed one more time before winter. Jeremy is also lining up a load of gravel to stockpile for spring work.

Parks – There is some winterizing happening to the new park.

Lagoon/Sewer-There was a lot purchased in town that does not currently hook into the city sewer system. Jeremy will talk to a contractor to get some bids.

Rubble Site – no report

NEW BUSINESS A resident asked about our population signs in town. They state 137. He thought we were at 185. The last Census reported 147. This is a county sign issue. Scott will ask the highway department about it. Cara mentioned that she was interested in attending the SDATAT Annual Meeting. They are having some round table discussions for towns of less than 1500. The board gave their approval for her to attend. Scott Meints made a motion to go into executive session to discuss city attorney. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. Executive Session started at 7:34pm. Council came out of executive session at 8:47 pm. Sam Hoppock made a motion to approve appointing Vaughn Beck as our new city lawyer. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Cara will be in contact with all possible candidates.

FINANCIAL REPORT –

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

October 31, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 96,642.31; SF Money Market –\$ 153,122.13;

GF - \$ 173,754.43; GF Money Market - \$ 51,378.57; CD Money Market - \$ 41,724.55

FIT - \$16,083.56; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Mohr adjourned the meeting.

Next City Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 3rd , 2025 – 7:00 p.m

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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