

## **City of Columbia Council Meeting – December 3, 2025**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Community: Vaughn Beck, Isaac Abeln, Josh Larson, Collin Eichler, Cole Kampa, Lorie Gilchrist, Cyndy Larson, Michelle Johnson, Patti Daly, Lisa Mohr**

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 November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

**Warrant Vouchers** Web Water – fire prevention – 56.86; Double D Lot Service – park lawn care– 3357.50; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1180.31; JVT – fire prevention – 213.22; Jeremy Dosch– November wages -1279.22; Cara Dennert – November wages– 1317.60; Scott Meints – November wages – 18.48; Runnings – Shop Supplies – 48.41; Public Health Lab – water analysis – 26.00; Johnson Rock & Gravel – street supplies – 1254.93; DANR – environmental yearly dues – 150.00;Pomp Tire Service – tire repair – 48.54

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

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: -**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** waste water project – Boring and studies have been completed. Results are not back yet. NECOG will get results first. We are up to date with paperwork for project.

**Nuisances –** Scott reviewed the revised ordinance for approval. The council gave it a first reading. The second reading will happen at the January meeting.

**Streets – They are looking good.**

**Parks –** Patti Daly provided an update on the enclosed park structure. She will find funding for the building. She is just looking to the city to cover mainly the costs of electricity & insurance. She also stated that she wouldn't mind doing some fundraising to help offset those costs. As far as the design of the building, she will keep with the aesthetics of other buildings in the park. Jeremy is going to send some soil samples to the University of Minnesota to see what the well water has done to the soil over the past three years. Dana talked to someone at Beadles and it was estimated that the cost of fertilizing should be a third of what it is currently.

**Lagoon/Sewer-** Stockwell gave a rough estimate of what it will cost to run sewer to the property that is planning to put a house near Lake Blvd. Currently that property does not have access to city sewer lines. The estimated cost will be \$60 - \$80,000. The council (and our lawyer) will need to look at our city's sewer ordinances to see how this will be addressed and possibly update those ordinances.

**Rubble Site –** no report

**NEW BUSINESS –** The Columbia Baseball Committee was present to discuss their portion of the sign that was put in the baseball field. They had no idea how much the installation would be. Josh showed the breakdown of the costs. Cyndy discussed how the State Community Foundation works and that if the city would apply for a grant for this installation cost, if we are awarded the money, we can then give that back to the baseball committee. Our lawyer, Vaughn Beck said that it is common practice for that kind of situation to occur. Scott Meints made a motion to apply for the grant. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Mayor Mohr also mentioned that we need to have a signed contract with the Columbia Baseball Committee before the 2026 season starts. Vaughn Beck introduced himself to the council. His main office is in Ipswich. His daughter Emily is in practice with him. He stated we can call or bring him in on a zoom meeting anytime we have questions.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT –**

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

November 30, 2025, balances: SF - \$ 99,217.48; SF Money Market –\$ 153,235.40;

GF - \$ 188,428.49; GF Money Market - \$ 51,416.58; CD Money Market - \$ 41,755.41

FIT - \$16,131.48; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Mohr adjourned the meeting.

**Next City Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 7th, 2026 – 7:00 p.m**

**Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer**

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