

A regular meeting of the mayor and city council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on October 2, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1369 25 Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram, with a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the office of the city clerk. Notice of this meeting was given simultaneously to the mayor and members of the city council, with a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt of notice being on file in the office of the city clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the mayor and city council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Bulkley announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were Mayor James Bulkley and Council Members Beth Augustine-Schulte, Charlie Bahr, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Dennis Kresha, John Lohr, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. City staff members included City Attorney Stan Emerson, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Clerk Janelle Kline, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Police Chief Chuck Sherer, Finance Director Anne Kinnison, Public Property Director Doug Moore, and Interim Public Works Director Chuck Sliva.
2. **PRAYER:** Bahr led in prayer.
3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bulkley invited all to join in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Vasicek stated that the following items are considered routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. She pointed out that there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a city council member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The items on the consent agenda were approved as presented with a motion by Bahr and a second by Jablonski. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
  - 4.A. **Minutes of September 18, 2017, City Council meeting.**
  - 4.B. **Reappointment of Merlin Lindahl to Columbus Housing Authority for five-year term.**
  - 4.C. **Payroll and bills on file.** 10/06/17 Payroll \$537,960.76; Regional Care Inc. – Refund 9.07; Walmart – Supplies 832.23. TOTAL \$538,802.06.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Included in Consent Agenda
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- 6.A. Proclamation declaring October 2017 as Physical Therapy Month.** Bulkley proclaimed October 2017 as Physical Therapy Month and Steven Line, on behalf of Columbus Physical Therapy, accepted the proclamation.
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- 7.A. Public hearing - Second hearing on application to Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant No. 15-CR-006.** Mandy Gear, Community Planner for Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, described the projects that have been completed utilizing this grant and said the remaining expenses to be incurred will be for grant monitoring and project close-outs. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
- 7.B. Public hearing - Application of Zheng's Super Buffet, Inc. dba Zheng's Super Buffet for a Retail Class "A" beer on sale only liquor license at 4306 23 Street.** No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed and the application of Zheng's Super Buffet for a Retail Class "A" liquor license was approved with a motion by Schilling and a second by Hiemer. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
- 7.B.1. Application of SuQing Jin as manager of Zheng's Super Buffet in conjunction with Class "A" liquor license.** The manager application of Zheng's Super Buffet, in conjunction with their Class "A" liquor license, was approved with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".
- 8. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 9. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:** None
- 10. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:** None
- 11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None
- 12. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION:** None
- 13. NEW BUSINESS:**
- 13.A. Plans, specifications, and estimate of cost in the amount of \$280,000 for Bradshaw Park Restroom Facility Improvements 2017 and authorization to advertise for bids. (Plans and specifications are on file in the Engineering Department.)** Bogus explained that state statute requires an engineer's estimate of cost when advertising for bids. Moore described the

project and said the plans include a storage and concession area. The plans, specifications, and estimate of cost for Bradshaw Park Restroom Facility Improvements 2017 were approved and city staff was authorized to advertise for bids with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Roth. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**13.B. Quote from Layne Christensen Company in the amount of \$23,988 for annual extraction well maintenance for Water Production Division.** The quote for annual extraction well maintenance was approved with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**13.C. Comments from mayor and city council members.** There were no comments from the mayor and council members.

**14. RESOLUTIONS:**

**14.A. Resolution No. R17-121 approving application for assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for construction of horseshoe complex at Frontier Park.** It was noted that this grant would provide half of the construction cost and the city would provide the remaining half. It was further noted that the horseshoe club would be responsible for maintenance of the horseshoe pits. Resolution No. R17-121 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING FRONTIER PARK HORSESHOE COMPLEX was adopted with a motion by Lohr and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**14.B. Resolution No. R17-122 approving Tax Increment Financing policy.** Resolution No. R17-122 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF STIMULATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN UNDERDEVELOPED OR DILAPIDATED AREAS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTION THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Kresha. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

**15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:** None

**16. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:**

- 16.A. Ordinance No. 17-22 amending Chapter 150 of Title XV of Ordinance No. 05-47 (Columbus City Code) by adopting and amending the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.** It was noted that the International Property Maintenance Code contains regulations for sidewalks that are in disrepair and the City Code addresses policy on installation of new sidewalks. On its second reading, Ordinance No. 17-22 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF TITLE XV OF ORDINANCE NO. 05-47 (COLUMBUS CITY CODE) BY ADOPTING THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE BY REFERENCE; AMENDING THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AS SET FORTH HEREIN; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS, AND STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND ITS ZONING TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPANCY AND USE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH STRUCTURES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE was read by number only.

- 17. ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING:** None

- 18. CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND BILLS ON FILE:** Included in Consent Agenda

- 19. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with a motion by Augustine-Schulte and a second by Schilling. Augustine-Schulte, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Kresha, Lohr, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

Presented and approved this 16 day of October, 2017.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK