

City of Columbus
Council Proceedings
April 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:00 pm on April 6, 2020 via conference call.

Council members present: JoAnn Lunstad, David Ronning, Chris Kihle, Cindy Lautenschlager and Amber Nygard

Employees present: Christine Aasheim and Raymond MacBeth

Guests Present: Valerie Post, Doreen Ronholdt, Chris Hageman with Akerman Estvold.

Motion by Nygard, second by Lautenschlager to approve the Agenda. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Kihle, second by Lautenschlager to approve the March 9, 2020 minutes as read. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Ackerman Estvold – will be sending in letter to stay on list for future projects. If interested in project for 2021, planning would need to begin in the fall.
- Playground – Received additional pledged funds
- Candidates for City Council – List was turned into the Burke County Auditor on April 6, 2020.
- Street Signs – Yield sign placed at the corner of Parson and 3rd Avenue.
- Sheriff Contract – Tabled
- Nuisance Properties – The City Council is seeking input on properties that need cleanup.

New Business:

- Building Permit – **Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Nygard, to approve building permit. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.**
- Hazardous conditions on Main Street – items of concern in front and back of thrift store on Main Street. Raymond will discuss with Mr. Remlinger.
- Corona Virus Information – Reviewed information regarding conference call with the Governor's office scheduled on 4/8/20 and again 4/15/20, Guidance for Travelers Returning from COVID-19 Areas with Ongoing Community Transmission, Governor's Executive Order 2020-06.2, and Governor's Executive Order 2020-16.

Maintenance Report – Raymond discussed the months activities including additional locations for yield signs and the situation with repairs needed to the City pickup.

Auditor's Report:

- Bills to Pay – Bills were reviewed.
- Financial Reports – March 2020 reports were presented.
- Delinquent accounts were discussed – Payment plans can be arranged for customers who indicate either an impact or hardship due to COVID-19. Late fees will be waived for March-May.

Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to pay bills and approve March 2020 financial reports as presented. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Lautenschlager, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to adjourn meeting. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Announcements: Next regular meeting will be held May 4, 2020, 7:00pm (location to be determined)

Bills to pay: MDU 1,110.06, Aasheim 2,996.67, MacBeth 3,273.42, EFTPS 1,180.50, EFTPS 84.00, Office of State Tax Commission 65.00, Visa-Auditor 478.80, (Intuit-Annual Payroll Subscription), Visa-Maintenance 360.12 (Parts for Pickup), NCC 143.43, Verizon 247.86, Burke County Tribune 71.76, Circle Sanitation 1,569.50, Dakota Supply Group 349.44, Jerry's Transfer Service 20.00, First District Health Unit 25.00, Lignite Oil Co Inc 818.18, ND Workforce Safety 1,166.00, NWRW 2,119.78.

Christine Aasheim
City Auditor

JoAnn Lunstad
Mayor