

City of Columbus
Council Proceedings
August 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:00pm on August 3, 2020 at the Columbus Community Center.

Council members present: Mayor JoAnn Lunstad, David Ronning, Chris Kihle, Cindy Lautenschlager, and Sandy Raines.

Employees Present: Raymond MacBeth

Guests Present: Shawn Brien, Burke County Sheriff; Chris Hageman with Ackerman Estvold; Amber Nygard, and Judy Durick.

Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Kihle to approve the agenda with the addition of the Sheriff's report. Motion carried

Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Kihle to approve the July 6, 2020, minutes as read. Motion carried

Old Business:

- Ackerman Estvold – nothing to report
- Playground Update – Additional \$400 donation received
- Memorial Update – nothing to report
- Paving: MacBeth reported that Minot Paving will be here in the next 2-3 weeks. The estimate is for \$68,918.00 (\$7.00/sq ft.)
- Sale of Properties:
- **Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to accept the high bid of \$1,151.00 for parcel #7283000 (200 5th Ave W) from John/Sandy Raines with the contingency that no further bids were received in the mail on August 3, 2020. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager; nays: none; abstained: Raines. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Raines to accept the bid of \$111.05 for parcel #7178000 (103 Robin St.) from Kaitlyn Vetter/Antonio Juarez with the contingency that no further bids were received in the mail on August 3, 2020. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Raines; nays: none. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Raines to accept bid of \$6879.06 for parcel #7108000 (Columbus Manor south 200 Robin St) from Kaitlyn Vetter/Antonio Juarez with the contingency that no further bids were received in the mail on August 3, 2020. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Raines; nays: none. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Raines to accept bid of \$10,001.50 for parcel #7109000(Columbus Manor north 202 Robin St) from Kaitlyn Vetter/Antonio Juarez with the contingency that no further bids were received in the mail on August 3, 2020. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Raines; nays: none. Motion carried.**

New Business:

- Sherriff's Report – Issued one citation for dog at large and executed one search warrant.
- Amber Nygard appeared before the council to request permission for Group Therapy Lounge to host a "Street Event" on August 29, 2020, in memory of Shelley Nelson, to establish a scholarship fund. **Motion by Kihle, second by Lautenschlager to approve request for "Street Event" on August 29th, 2020. Motion carried.** Sheriff Brien will provide Group Therapy with the County Street Dance Permit.
- Judy Durick appeared before the council requesting that the flag in the Lions Park be replaced and possibly that trees be trimmed around it. MacBeth will take care of it.
- **Water/Sewer line repair – Motion by Ronning, second by Kihle to accept estimate of \$4,900 from D.L. Barkie Construction to repair water/sewer lines on the corner of Meyer and 5th Ave W. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Raines; nays: none. Motion carried.**

Maintenance Report:

- MacBeth reported that Rural Water replaced the pressure valve at the entrance of the city's line (corner of Hwy. 5 and County Rd 5).
- 130,000 gallons of bulk water was sold over the past two weeks and tower pressure is handling the sales.
- Dirt/asphalt piles at the south end of Meyer Street have been moved to the city lot at the end of Flower Street. A total of 16 dump truck loads were moved.
- Due to the large number of trees and tree limbs from storm damage, MacBeth will be stacking them on the lot at the south end of Main for a burn pile. If any citizen needs to add to it, they should contact City Maintenance.

Auditor's Report:

- Bills to Pay – monthly recurring bills will be paid and approved in September
- Financial Reports – tabled until September
- Past Due Accounts – tabled until September

Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Kihle to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Announcements – Next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7:00pm at the Columbus Community Center.

Minutes prepared from notes taken by Councilperson Sandy Raines.

Bills to pay: Visa-Auditor 233.41(Amazon), Visa-Auditor 14.70(Intuit), MDU 66.59(Lift Station), MDU 30.64(Shop), MDU 41.39(Community Center), MDU 619.87(Street Lights), MDU 37.99(City Hall), MDU 37.81(Water Depot), Aasheim 2,996.66, MacBeth 3,273.41, Verizon 245.30, EFTPS 1,180.54, EFTPS 26.63, NWRW 3,548.62, Bowbells Insurance 675.00, Burke County Tribune 232.44, Circle Sanitation 1,575.00, First District Health Unit 25.00, Jerry's Transfer 40.00, Lignite Oil 213.83, ND League of Cities 30.00, Norther Improvement 1,260.00, One Call Concepts 2.50, Western Dakota Energy Assoc 684.26, Job Service 554.20, UI 723.46