

City of Columbus  
Council Proceedings  
June 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Columbus Community Center.

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, Tina Remlinger, Seymour Jordan, Shawn Brien, and Chris Hageman with Ackerman Estvold.

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

**Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Kihle to approve the May 6, 2019 minutes with corrections. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Old Business:

- Montana Dakota Utilities – Street lights – Raymond will check on status of yard repair from workers tearing up grass while removing lights and ask them to remove light remaining in residents yard.
- Ackerman Estvold – SRF Loan Update – No questions at this time.
- First District Health Notices:
  - Still don't have answer on potential personal liability of property owners for tearing down and cleaning up rather than the City tearing down and assessing property.
  - Estimates to tear down houses – Tabled
  - Fencing around theater – fencing completed by Raymond, property owner to be billed for time and materials.
- Bulk Water Depot – awaiting contractor installation of backflow preventor in order to complete.
- Meter Installs in Fire Hall, County shop and Park – Raymond will work on getting meters installed in fire hall and County shop. Invite the park board members to discuss ideas for metering water to golf course, club house and camp area.
- Sale of Equipment/Real Property – will be putting property and equipment out for bids.
- City Attorney – Attorney Seymour Jordan discussed his interest in serving as the City Attorney. Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to request resignation of current City Attorney.

New Business:

- Burke County Sheriff Contract – Sheriff Shawn Brien to present contract at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Columbus Manor – Mayor answered questions regarding ownership and delinquent taxes.
- Playground – Council gave preliminary approval to explore possibility of community playground, additional information to be presented at July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Wind Farm – discussed potential impact to the City with project beginning June 26<sup>th</sup>. Subsequent to this meeting, the wind farm project was denied approval, it will not begin on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Timecards for hourly staff – Raymond will begin turning in time sheet.
- Street Maintenance – Material for filling potholes will be purchased and potholes repaired.
- Amendment to court contract – Tabled

Auditor's Report:

- Bills to Pay – Bills were reviewed.
- Financial Reports – May and June financial reports will be presented at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
**Motion by Nygard, second by Kihle to pay bills as presented. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.**

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

Meeting adjourned.

**Announcements:** Next regular meeting will be held June 3, 2019 at the Columbus Community Center.

Bills to pay: MDU 636.56, Raymond MacBeth 2,145.92, Christine Aasheim 1,841.05, EFTPS 841.86, Bowbells Insurance 4,359.00, Burke County Tribune 282.00, Ferguson Waterworks 1,593.00, Ferguson Waterworks 241.58, Raymond MacBeth 377.22, Circle Sanitation 1,373.00, First District Health, 25.00, NCC 101.31, Northwest Rural Water 2,348.79, Verizon Wireless 236.18, BCBS 2,102.80, On the Spot Truck Repair 571.04, Pearce Durick PLLC 920.00, Visa – Maintenance 80.26 (USPS 17.10, Gooseneck Implement 63.16)

Christine Aasheim  
 City Auditor