

City of Columbus
Council Proceedings
January 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:00 pm on January 6, 2020 at the Columbus Community Center.

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

Employees present: Christine Aasheim and Raymond MacBeth

Guests Present: Valerie Post, Michael Powell, Mitch Strom, Wilson Remlinger, and Chris Hageman with Ackerman Estvold.

Motion by Nygard, second by Kihle to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kihle, second by Ronning to approve the December 9, 2019 minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Ackerman Estvold – SRF Loan Update
- Playground – Ongoing

New Business:

- Fire Department Property – **Motion by Nygard, second by Kihle to quit claim deed the Fire Hall property to the Columbus Rural Fire Protection District, Inc. Motion Carried**
- Fire Department Insurance – **Motion by Nygard, second by Kihle to increase coverage for the Columbus Rural Fire Protection District, Inc. to include excess coverage of 5 million per occurrence/5 million aggregate for a total annual premium of \$4,520, paid by the City of Columbus. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard, Lautenschlager; nays: none. Motion carried.**
- Lori Edwards curb stop issue – Ms. Edwards expressed her displeasure with the “curb stop” special assessment reflected on her property tax statement to Councilman Chris Kihle. Ms. Edwards owns three lots included in the special assessment in 2017. In 2018, Ms. Edwards combined the three lots. When the lots were combined there was no consideration for the special assessment currently in effect. Because the special assessment was not paid in full for the lots combined, the remaining lot absorbs all three special assessments for the remaining assessment period. Ms. Edwards has the option of being assessed the \$38.80 per lot, per year, for the remaining years or she may pay the assessment in full for each lot. The assessment does not go away by changing the three lots into one lot.

- 2020 City Council Meeting Dates – The following dates are changed for 2020 City Council meetings: March 2nd to March 9th, June 1st to June 8th, and September 7th to September 8th.
- Wilson Remlinger – Mr. Remlinger discussed his sewer issue at his rental house on 5th Avenue. There is some confusion regarding responsibility for sewer lines and paving. The Columbus City Attorney will be consulted in this situation.

Maintenance Report – Raymond discussed maintenance issues and activities over the last month.

Auditor's Report:

- Bills to Pay – Bills were reviewed.
- Financial Reports – December financial reports were presented.
- Delinquent accounts – accounts 60+ days past due will be issued shut off notices.

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

Announcements: Next regular meeting will be held February 3, 2020, 7:00pm at the Columbus Community Center.

Bills to pay: NCC 199.14, MDU 94.20, Raymond MacBeth 2,252.45, Christine Aasheim 2,113.91, EFTPS 921.36, BCBS 2,102.80, Northwest Rural Water 1,967.48 Verizon Wireless 244.86, Burke County Tribune 122.46, Circle Sanitation 1,459.50, First District Health Unit 25.00, Jerry's Transfer Service 20.00, The Country Store 227.00, On the Spot Truck Repair 535.17, Visa-Maintenance 74.26 (Ebay-New Holland), Visa-Auditor 199.67 (Intuit, Adobe Software)

Christine Aasheim
City Auditor

JoAnn Lunstad
Mayor