

City of Columbus  
Council Proceedings  
March 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:05 pm on March 9, 2020 at the Columbus Community Center.

Council members present: JoAnn Lunstad, David Ronning, and Cindy Lautenschlager

Council members absent: Chris Kihle and Amber Nygard

Employees present: Christine Aasheim and Raymond MacBeth

Guests Present: Chris Hageman with Akerman Estvold

**Motion by Ronning, second by Lautenschlager to approve the Agenda. Mayor Lunstad relinquished the chair, the Auditor called for a vote. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes as read. Mayor Lunstad relinquished the chair, the Auditor called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Old Business:

- Ackerman Estvold – Updated on matching funds available for 2021 projects.
- Playground – Ongoing
- Candidates Election Petitions – Petitions must be received by the City Auditor by 4pm on April 6, 2020.
- Street Signs – Waiting for ground to thaw to install missing signs.

New Business:

- Sheriff Contract – To be addressed at April meeting.
- Application for Local Permit – Trinity Lutheran Church Women application for raffle. **Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning, to approve permit. Mayor Lunstad relinquished the chair, the Auditor called for a vote. Motion carried.**
- Hunstead Restitution – Payments have been going to the Insurance Reserve Fund for the last several months, they will begin forwarding payments to the City until obligation is complete.

Maintenance Report – Raymond discussed need for jetting the sewers. **Motion by Ronning, second by Lautenschlager to begin jetting the sewers. accomplishing one third (1/3) of the City each year for the next three years. Jetting to begin with Meyer, Parson, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W, and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W. Price estimated to be \$125 per ft for approximately 16,500 ft over the three years. Mayor Lunstad relinquished the chair, the Auditor called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Lautenschlager, Lunstad; nays: none. Motion carried.**

Auditor's Report:

- Bills to Pay – Bills were reviewed.
- Annual Fund Balance Report - 2019
- Financial Reports – February 2020 reports were presented.
- Delinquent accounts were discussed

**Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to pay bills, approve 2019 Annual Fund Balance Report, and February 2020 financial reports as presented. Mayor Lunstad relinquished the chair, the Auditor called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Lautenschlager, Lunstad; nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to adjourn meeting. Mayor Lunstad relinquished the chair, the Auditor called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

**Announcements:** Next regular meeting will be held April 6, 2020, 7:00pm at the Columbus Community Center.

Bills to pay: ND Job Service 25.00, MDU 1,070.29, Aasheim 2,113.91, MacBeth 2,256.44, Bank of North Dakota 1,525.00, BCBS 2,102.80, Visa-Auditor 6.30, NWRW 2,134.90, NCC 143.64, Verizon 244.37, EFTPS 919.38, Bowbells Insurance Inc 4,522.00, Burke County Treasurer 800.00, Burke County Tribune 125.58, Circle Sanitation 1,569.50, First District Health Unit 25.00, Gustafson Septic Service 600.00, Jerry's Transfer 40.00, Lamb Excavation Inc 2,360.00, Lignite Oil Co Inc 2,352.67, ND League of Cities 50.00, Neff Eiken & Neff PC 125.00, ND Workforce Safety 50.00

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Christine Aasheim  
City Auditor

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JoAnn Lunstad  
Mayor