

City of Columbus
Council Proceedings
May 4, 2020
(Approved Minutes)

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:00 pm on May 4, 2020 at the Columbus Community Center.

Council members present: JoAnn Lunstad, Chris Kihle, Cindy Lautenschlager

Council members absent: David Ronning and Amber Nygard

Employees present: Christine Aasheim and Raymond MacBeth

Guests Present: None

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

Motion by Kihle, second by Lautenschlager to approve the April 6, 2020 minutes as read. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Kihle to approve the Tax Equalization Meeting minutes as read. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Ackerman Estvold – nothing to update.
- Playground – the ND Health Department will be contacted regarding rules.
- Sheriff Contract – Tabled
- Nuisance Properties – A list has been presented to the City Council and will be reviewed at the June 8, 2020 meeting.

New Business:

- Paving – maintenance will contact Ackerman Estvold concerning paving schedule.
- Lori Edwards – Ongoing Issues – discussed situation with Council, Auditor directed to continue following standard procedures for all City utility customers.
- Designation of Official Newspaper – **Motion by Kihle, second by Lautenschlager to designate the Burke County Tribune as the City of Columbus official newspaper. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Maintenance Report – Sewer jetting will begin the week of May 11th.

Auditor's Report:

- Bills to Pay – Bills were reviewed.
- Financial Reports – April 2020 financial reports were presented.

- Delinquent accounts were discussed – Payment plans can be arranged upon request for customers who indicate either an impact or hardship due to COVID-19. Late fees will be waived for March-May.

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

Announcements: Next regular meeting will be held June 8, 2020, 7:00pm Columbus Community Center

Bills to pay: NCC 143.43, Verizon Wireless 244.22, All American Towing & Repair 399.10, Bowbells Insurance 2,259.00, Burke County Tribune 173.16, Circle Sanitation 1,569.50, First District Health Unit 25.00, Lignite Oil 615.61, NWRW 2,181.52, Rite-way Business Forms 178.28, Souris Basin Planning Council 100.00, Banyon Data 1,269.00, MDU 605.31 (street lights), MDU 68.84 (community center), MDU 86.91 (shop), MDU 51.42 (lift station), MDU 165.36 (city hall), MDU 95.60 (water depot), Aasheim 2,996.66, MacBeth 3,273.41, EFTPS 1,180.54,

Christine Aasheim
City Auditor

JoAnn Lunstad
Mayor