

City of Columbus  
Council Proceedings  
August 5, 2019

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:00 pm on August 5, 2019 at the Columbus Community Center.

Council members present: JoAnn Lunstad, David Ronning, Amber Nygard, and Chris Kihle (arrived late).

Council members absent: Cindy Lautenschlager

Employees present: Christine Aasheim and Raymond MacBeth

Guests Present: Valerie Post, James Post, April Christensen, Tina Remlinger, and Chris Hageman with Ackerman Estvold.

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

**Motion by Nygard, second by Ronning to approve the July 8, 2019 minutes as read. Mayor Lunstad relinquished the chair, Auditor called for a vote, Motion carried.**

Old Business:

- Ackerman Estvold – SRF Loan Update – Chris Hageman will present options available for water and sewer line repairs based on current loan forgiveness programs at the September meeting.
- First District Health Notices – Tabled
- Bulk Water Depot – Please contact Christine at (701) 334-3152 to be assigned a customer number and pin number to use the system.
- Meter Install at the Fire Hall has been completed.
- Meter Install at the Park – Contractor that completed Fire Hall will evaluate work necessary to complete water meter install for the golf course, club house and camp area.
- Playground – Tabled
- Burke County Sheriff Contract – Tabled
- Street Maintenance – Raymond met with paving contractor to review areas in the City that need paving. Council discussed possibility of holding off on paving in hopes of completing sewer and water line update prior to paving repair and replacement. Raymond also in the process of filling potholes with cold mix patch.
- Sale of Equipment:
  - Motion by Nygard, second by Kihle to accept high bid of \$505.00 from Larry Shefstad on the 7' Farm King finishing deck mower. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Ronning, second by Ronning to accept high bid of \$2500.00 from James Post on the 2002 Dodge 1500 Pickup. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.

- Motion by Nygard, second by Ronning to accept high bid of \$475.00 from James Post for the Columbus Fire Truck. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kihle, second by Ronning to accept high bid of \$100 from Logan Erickson for the 6' King Kutter blade. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.
- Motion by Ronning, second by Kihle to accept high bid of \$400 from Logan Erickson for the 5' Farm King snow blower. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.
- High bid of \$5000.00 on 2005 John Deere 3720 tractor not accepted. Still available for bid at September meeting.
- High bid of \$1800.00 on 1996 Edgin Crosswind Road Sweeper not accepted. Still available for bid at September meeting.
- High bid of \$750.00 on Black Max 600 snow blower not accepted. Still available for bid at September meeting.
- Real Property:
  - Motion by Nygard, second by Kihle to accept high bid from Brandy Leija for \$2000.00 on Parcel #07392000 – 302 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W (Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave & Meyers St.). Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Kihle, second by Ronning to accept high bid from Brian Wardner for \$3001.00 on parcel #07220000 – 401 Main St (Columbus Clinic Building). Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.
  - No bids received on Parcel #07286000 – North side of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W (Intersection with Meyers St). Property still available for bid at September meeting.

#### New Business:

- Mosquito Spraying - Motion by Kihle, second by Nygard to purchase new mosquito spraying equipment up to \$4500.00 in the event the current sprayer cannot be repaired. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.
- Request for variance to park and live in RV for summer months at 306 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W – Motion by Kihle, second by Ronning to grant variance to allow resident at 306 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W to park and live in RVs during warm months as long as all other City Ordinances are followed. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.
- Preliminary budget – discussion held regarding budget line items. Auditor requested change in payroll to include changing Raymond to salary and an increase to Auditor Salary. Motion by Ronning, second by Kihle to change Raymond MacBeth to an annual salary of \$38,000 and Christine Aasheim to an annual salary of \$32,000 effective immediately. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried. Motion by Nygard, second by Ronning to approve preliminary budget. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.

Auditor's Report:

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

**Announcements:** Next regular meeting will be held September 9, 2019 at the Columbus Community Center.

Bills to pay: NCC 101.31, MDU 184.46, Raymond MacBeth 2,056.41, Christine Aasheim 1,841.04, EFTPS 812.90, BCBS 2,102.80, Northwest Rural Water 2,632.29, Verizon Wireless 242.76, Al's Electric 341.96, Burke County Tribune 220.82, Circle Sanitation 1,373.00, Dakota Fire Extinguishers 227.36, First District Health 25.00, Immense Impact, LLC 439.45, Lignite Oil 239.50, ND Insurance Department 714.92, ND League of Cities 321.00, Visa – Maintenance 49.53 (Pro Pest Products), Visa – Auditor 341.36 (USPS 67.79, Peony Petals Flower Shop 113.15, Amazon 152.02, Intuit 8.40), Down & Dirty Dirt Works LLC 940.85.

Christine Aasheim  
City Auditor