

City of Columbus
Council Proceedings
July 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 8, 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: Brooke Watterud and Chris Hageman with Ackerman Estvold.

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

Motion by Nygard, second by Ronning to approve the June 3, 2019 minutes with correction. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Montana Dakota Utilities – Street lights – Completed.
- Ackerman Estvold – SRF Loan Update – No activity.
- First District Health Notices:
 - Still seeking advice 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
- Bulk Water Depot – Project complete.
- Meter Installs in Fire Hall – Raymond to contact Dave Nelson to install
- Meter Install at Park – Invitation to be extended to Park board to discuss metering water to golf course, club house and camp area.
- Sale of Equipment/Real Property – List and pictures completed. Will be advertised for bids to be opened at the August 2019 regular meeting.
- City Attorney – **Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to terminate Pearce Durick PLLC and retain Attorney Seymour Jordan with Neff, Eiken & Neff, PC. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.**
- Playground – Brooke Watterud discussed her desire to build a playground in the city. The location discussed is the former High School property. Also discussed was tearing down the Sons of Norway building with possible assistance from a grant that would require construction of a community use project. **Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Nygard to give Brooke Watterud authority to pursue funding for building a playground on City property. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.**
- Burke County Sheriff Contract – Tabled
- Street Maintenance – Raymond will identify areas in the City that need paving and pursue an estimate from contractor that will be paving Highway 5. Residents needing work done that would require paving are encouraged to coordinate with City Maintenance if they wish to be included in the paving schedule.

New Business:

- State Fire and Tornado Insurance – Aasheim to adjust values as needed.
- Municipal Court Contract – **Motion by Nygard, second by Kihle to approve and sign and return contract. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote. Motion carried.**
- Columbus High School Pictures – The City is seeking volunteers willing to coordinate and assist in the repair and hanging of the Columbus High School senior class pictures in the Community Center. Please contact the City Auditor at (701) 939-5000 if interested.
- Letters to property owners needing to clean up lots – Property owners neglecting their properties will be notified of their City ordinance violation.

Auditor's Report:

- Bills to Pay – Bills were reviewed.
- Financial Reports – May and June financial reports were presented.
Motion by Nygard, second by Kihle to pay bills and approve financial reports 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 August 5, 2019 at the Columbus Community Center.

Bills to pay: MDU 214.99, Raymond MacBeth 2,040.33, Christine Aasheim 1,841.04, Amber Nygard 577.19, Chris Kihle 634.90, Cindy Lautenschlager 692.62, JoAnn Lunstad 1,385.25, David Ronning 692.62, EFTPS 1,468.90, EFTPS 30.87, Bowbells Insurance 91.00, Burke County Auditor 100.00, Burke County Treasurer 800.00, Core & Main 454.75, The Country Store 67.44, Ferguson Waterworks 1,984.89, Circle Sanitation 1,373.00, First District Health 25.00, Lignite Oil 1,486.17, North Dakota Recycling 80.00, Norther Improvement 1,962.00, Northwest Rural Water 2,744.33, Verizon Wireless 236.21, BCBS 2,102.80, One Call Concepts 1.85, Pearce Durick PLLC 40.00, Visa – Maintenance 461.02, SoloTek 21,404.00, Water Smith 4,131.98.

Christine Aasheim
City Auditor