

City of Columbus
Council Proceedings
March 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:07 pm on Monday, March 4, 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: Valerie Post, Wilson Remlinger, Tina Remlinger, and Chris Hageman with Ackerman-Estvold.

Motion by Kihle, second by Lautenschlager to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Nygard to approve February 4, 2019 minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- First District Health Notices:
 - Estimates to tear down houses – Tabled
 - Fencing around theater – Tabled
- SRF Loan Update – Ackerman-Estvold – Tabled
- Bulk Water Depot – Tabled
- Meter Installs – Ivers Plumbing – Will be in Columbus the week of March 11.
- Meter Audit – To begin when weather permits.
- Sale of Equipment/Real Property – waiting for further direction from City Attorney.

New Business:

- Utility Rate Resolution that was approved at the March 4, 2019 meeting was read and signed. Rate changes will be effective for March 2019.
 - **Water Access fee will increase from \$25.00 to \$27.30 per month,**
 - **Water Usage will increase from \$7.25 per 1000 gallons to \$8.80 per 1000 gallons,**
 - **Sewer Access fee with increase from \$12.50 to \$13.50 per month**
 - **Sewer Usage will increase from \$3.625 per 1000 gallons water used to \$4.50 per 1000 gallons water used.**
- Health Insurance Renewal – Motion by Kihle, second by Nygard to renew insurance contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota.

Auditor's Report:

- Bills to Pay – Bills were reviewed.
- Financial Reports – through February 28, 2019 were presented
Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to approve the financial reports through February 28, 2019, and to pay bills as presented. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.
- Delinquent accounts – A list of all City utility customers that were 30 days or more delinquent on payment of their utility billing as of the Council meeting was presented. Accounts not brought current by the 25th will receive shut-off notices on the 26th.

Motion by Nygard, second by Lautenschlager to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Announcements:

Next regular meeting will be held April 8, 2019 at the Columbus Community Center.

Bills to pay: MDU 938.44, Bank of North Dakota 675.00, Bank of North Dakota 937.50, Raymond MacBeth 2,077.10, Christine Aasheim 1,904.81, EFTPS 830.38, Burke County Tribune 138.75, Circle Sanitation 1,373.00, First District Health, 25.00, Jerry's Transfer and Storage 55.00, NCC 91.48, Northwest Rural Water 2,348.15, On the Spot Truck Repair 88.28, One Call Concepts .65, Verizon Wireless 262.98, Gustafson Septic Service 1,400.00, Visa – Auditor 1,254.65 (GoDaddy 166.70, Staples 807.86, Menards 32.24, PCMatic 193.00, Amazon 54.85) Maintenance 309.93 (All Skid Steers 119.75, Amazon 25.18, NDSU 115.00, NDSU 100.00)

Christine Aasheim, City Auditor

JoAnn Lunstad, Mayor