

City of Columbus
Council Proceedings
September 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Columbus City Council was called to order by Mayor JoAnn Lunstad at 7:00 pm on September 9, 2019 at the Columbus Community Center.

Council members present: JoAnn Lunstad, David Ronning, Cindy Lautenschlager, Amber Nygard, and Chris Kihle.

Employees present: Christine Aasheim and Raymond MacBeth

Guests Present: Valerie Post, James Post, Chris Hageman with Ackerman Estvold, Mike Herman with Burke County Historical Society, and Shawn Brien, Burke County Sherriff.

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

Motion by Ronning, second by Nygard to approve the August 5, 2019 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Ackerman Estvold – SRF Loan Update – Chris Hageman presented information on water line project at a total cost of \$4,016,874. Financing options and current loan forgiveness programs will be investigated for completed or partial updates.
- First District Health Notices – Tabled
- Meter Install at the Park – Contractor estimated \$4,500 to install meter vault and \$920 for materials to complete water meter install for the golf course, club house and camp area.
- Playground – Brooke Watterud has submitted eleven requests for funding for a total of \$53,000 requested toward an estimated project of \$60,000.
- Final 2020 Budget – to be finalized at the October meeting.
- Burke County Sheriff Contract – Sheriff Brien presented a Police Service Contract for 2020, the Council will review and discuss at the October meeting.
- Ordinance updates – Committee will be made up of Amber Nygard, Valerie Post, JoAnn Lunstad, Christine Aasheim, and Raymond McBeth, with input by the Burke County Sheriff and the City Attorney.
- Equipment:
 - Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Nygard to purchase a 2019 Bobcat S595 Skidsteer, a Bobcat SB200 Snow Blower, and a Bobcat 60" Sweeper with Gutter Brush and bolt on cutting edge & water kit. The 2009 John Deere 3720 Tractor, the 2008 Bobcat S300 Skid Steer, and the Sheyenne BM72 Snow Blower will be traded toward the purchase price of the new equipment. With a total purchase price of \$69,424, trade in allowance of \$37,000, the final out of pocket will be \$31,924. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.
- Real Property:
 - Motion by Kihle, second by Ronning to accept high bid from Brandy Leija for \$300.00 on parcel #07286000 – North side of 5th Ave W (intersection with Meyers St.). Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Nygard; nays: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Mowing – Discussion was held regarding mowing and ordinance requirements for notification. Motion by Kihle, second by Lautenschlager to remove mowing charges for parcels #07182000 and #07184000. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Nygard; nays: none. Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Nygard to split mowing bill for parcel #7155000. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Nygard; nays: none.

- Fire Department Assets/Insurance – discussion was held regarding titling fire equipment in the Fire Department’s name rather than the City. Motion by Lautenschlager, second by Ronning to continue to pay the premiums but have the Fire department obtain a separate insurance policy. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Nygard; nays: none.
- Trees with Dutch Elm Disease – Letters will be going out to property owners with infected trees on their property. Owners will have the option of removing the trees themselves or the City will contract with an Arborist to have them removed and bill the property owners.
- Water/Sewer Ordinance – ordinance was reviewed as a refresher as to “curb stop” charges and who is charged for the monthly fee, regardless of current service.
- Memorabilia – Mike Herman with the Burke County Historical Society will be taking some items to display in the museum in Powers Lake, he will provide a list of the items taken.
- NCC Proposed Ordinance – the ordinance was read. Motion by Nygard second by Lautenschlager to accept ordinance as read. Mayor Lunstad called for a vote: ayes: Ronning, Kihle, Lautenschlager, Nygard; nays: none.

Auditor’s Report:

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

Announcements: Next regular meeting will be held October 7, 2019 at the Columbus Community Center.

Bills to pay: NCC 366.97, MDU 202.30, Raymond MacBeth 2,252.45, Christine Aasheim 2,113.91, EFTPS 921.36, BCBS 2,102.80, Northwest Rural Water 2,525.20, Verizon Wireless 242.76, Burke County Tribune 148.20, Circle Sanitation 1,373.00, Lignite Oil 228.61, Visa – Maintenance 2,670.84 (Pro Pest Products), Visa – Auditor 433.85 (Amazon, Intuit), Jerry’s Transfer Service 40.00, New Century Ag 78.75, On the Spot Truck Repair 21.36, One Call Concepts .65, The Country Store 235.42, Westers Dakota Energy Association 779.72, ND Dept of Transportation 20.00, ND Dept of Transportation 10.00, The Bank of North Dakota 4,937.50, The Bank of North Dakota 3,675.00.

Christine Aasheim
City Auditor