

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
June 8, 2016**

The June 8, 2016 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at City Hall. Present were Povolny, Council Members Denny Peterson, Mark Daly, Jeff Duraine and Bill Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Attorney Bill Griffith; Engineer Dennis Postler; and Recording Secretary Lorie Lemieux.

Absent: None.

Also in attendance were: Peg Moeller (Redpath & Company), Jesse Preiner, Pat Preiner, Mary Preiner, Jody Krebs, Kris King, Paul Peskar, David Schuller, Holly Schuller, Ron Barnes and Terri Hodges (Forest Lake Cable Commission).

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion - Approval of the City Council Closed Meeting Minutes 05/25/16
- Motion - Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes 05/25/16
- Motion - Agenda Approval with Additions
- Motion - Pay Bills as Posted

Motion by Krebs to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Presentation & Accept Report – 2015 Audit

Peggy Moeller, CPA, of Redpath and Company presented the 2015 Audit for the City of Columbus, which included four areas: financial statements, internal controls, legal compliance and communication with those charged with governance. The report found the financial statements were presented fairly and in accordance with accounting standards resulting in an unmodified/clean report. The report on internal controls only noted one item, which was a lack of segregation of duties; which is very common finding in smaller entities due to the small size of the staff. The report on legal compliance had no legal compliance findings. Moeller mentioned the City's special assessments and noted that 50% of these assessments are deferred assessments, and interfund loans/fund deficits. The auditors had no disagreements with management and had no difficulties performing the audit, they found the staff to be very easy to work with.

Motion by Daly FIN00800 to accept the City of Columbus 2015 Audit Report Completed by Redpath Company. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Daly - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission met June 1, 2016 and Jesse Preiner reported.

A public hearing was held to amend Chapters 7a and 9 of the Columbus Code: The discussion was solely related to excavation, extraction, and mining. The commission spent time discussing options and will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM - No one for public open forum.

ENGINEER REPORT

Ziegler Water Storage Tank Bid

Postler presented the only bid received for the Ziegler tank conversion which was considerably higher than the engineer's preliminary estimate for the project. Postler's recommendation to the Council was to reject the bid and re-advertise in the fall for construction in 2017.

Motion by Duraine to authorize the Engineer to reject the bid for the Ziegler Water Storage Tank and Pumping Conversion Project and re-advertise this fall. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Xingu & 165th Paving Project

Postler presented the council with a project calendar for the potential paving of Xingu Street, 159th Avenue and including 165th Ave. and three city park parking lots. Due to the lateness of this request, Postler recommends construction in 2017, thus the possibility of better bids and combining other paving projects.

Motion PWE01200 by Peterson accept the Engineers calendar for the potential paving project of Xingu Street, 159th Ave, and 165th Ave. Motion seconded by Duraine. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

MnDot Municipal Agreement Program Application Resolution 16-09

Dennis Postler reported that MnDOT has announced another grant program which the relocation of Hornsby Street North would be eligible. Columbus has received funds from this program in 2002 and 2010. The selection process is competitive, with several cities competing for the same pot of funding. The maximum amount that a city could qualify for would be \$710,000 and the money can only be applied to the cost of construction, not design or right-of-way acquisition. The application due date is June 8, 2016, therefore, Postler has submitted application on behalf of the City of Columbus with the required paperwork which includes a City Council Resolution.

Motion ADM 05000 by Duraine to approve Resolution 16-09 Request Funding from the MnDOT through the Municipal Agreement Program for the Intersection Realignment Improvement Project on Hornsby Street Located North of Trunk Highway 97 in the City of Columbus at the estimated amount of \$710,000. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson- Aye; ~~Messina~~ Daly-Aye; Povolny-Aye; Duraine-Aye; Krebs-Aye. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT– No report

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Peterson – Recently drove the 96/I-35 diversional diamond ramp in the morning hours with heavy traffic and felt the pattern worked well. Peterson recommended to other council members to try it.

Council Member Daly – No report

Council Member Duraine – Duraine reminded the Council about the June 9, 2016 meeting at 7 p.m. at the Forest Lake City Hall to consider the future of the Cable Commission.

Council Member Krebs – Councilmember Peterson and Krebs attended the RCWD landowners meeting for Ditches 31 and 46 earlier this week. Krebs felt the assessments given were fairly reasonable. This project will involve some city involved culvert work as well.

Mayor – No report

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - No report

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Summer Communications Intern - Mursko reported that the Public Information Coordinator position remains open. A number of applications have been received and reviewed in the last 6 weeks, however there have been no favorable candidates. Mursko has been in contact with the University of Minnesota Graduate School - Communications Department and they are willing to post this internship opportunity with the requirements provided. Mursko is recommending that if there is a candidate that is willing to partake in an internship to hire them to fulfill this position until the fall when the position will be advertised again.

Motion HRS02200 by Duraine to authorize the hiring of summer intern that meets the requirements as outlined in the Summer 2016 Internship posting seconded by Daly.

Planning Commission workshop for the discussing Chapter 7A-Mining has been scheduled for July 20, 2016. City staff will be informed of this date.

TREASURER REPORT

Receipts: \$94,371.77

Disburse: \$68,170.12

Balance: \$1,882,049.54

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Peterson to adjourn. Seconded by Krebs. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Lemieux, Recording Secretary