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**CITY OF COLWICH, KANSAS  
CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
310 S. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Terrence D. Spexarth on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. called the regular monthly meeting of the Colwich City Council to order.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present were Mayor Terrence D. Spexarth, Councilmembers Robert Winter, Pamela Winegarner, Stephanie Guy, Angela Banz with Doyle Dodd absent.

Staff members present were William Gondoly, Public Works Director; Stanley Juhnke, City Attorney; Brad Banz, Fire Chief; Mark Hinkle, Chief of Police, and Diana Brooks, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Spexarth led the audience, staff and Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no notices or communications.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Jessie Hall, 434 S 3<sup>rd</sup> stated she looked into the BT natural products for spraying mosquitos and felt they were a good option.

**4. PURCHASE REQUESTS AND ITEMS NEEDING COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Review of the 2015 Plan for Organized Waste Collection Services and proposals from interested waste haulers

Mayor Spexarth questioned if the City Clerk received other proposals along with Waste Connections. Ms. Diana K. Brooks, City Clerk stated Waste Connections was the only proposal submitted. Mayor Spexarth reviewed the plan. Mr. Jim Spencer, Waste Connections clarified that after signing the contract there would be an 18-month wait. Mr. Stanley Juhnke, City Attorney stated this was correct.

- B. Review of the request to adopt Ordinance No. 677 amending the regulation of elections

Mr. Stanley Juhnke, City Attorney, reviewed the changes to the election procedures made by the 2015 legislature and informed Council that all current councilmembers terms would extend to January 2016 and 2017 respectively. He stated all candidates running for office would file at the election office and were no longer able to file at the City Clerk's office.

**Councilwoman Banz moved that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 677 amending the regulation of elections in the City of Colwich. Councilwoman Winegarner second the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilwoman Guy voting yea; Councilman Winter voting yea; Councilwoman Winegarner voting yea; and Councilwoman Banz voting yea.**

- C. Review of the request to adopt Ordinance No. 678 adopting the 2015 Standard Traffic Ordinance

Mr. Stanley Juhnke, City Attorney, stated that the ordinance was necessary for the Police Department to enforce current regulations as set forth by the State legislature.

**Councilwoman Guy moved that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 678 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities Edition 2015. Councilwoman Banz second the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilwoman Guy voting yea; Councilman Winter voting yea; Councilwoman Winegarner voting yea; and Councilwoman Banz voting yea.**

- D. Review of the request to adopt Ordinance No. 679 adopting the 2015 Uniform Public Offense Code

**Councilwoman Guy moved that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 679 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities Edition 2015. Councilwoman Winegarner second the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilwoman Guy voting yea; Councilman Winter voting yea; Councilwoman Winegarner voting yea; and Councilwoman Banz voting yea.**

- E. Review of the request to adopt Ordinance No. 680 adopting changes to Chapter 15 – Utilities of the City Code of Ordinances

**Councilwoman Guy moved that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 680 adopting amendments to specific articles in Chapter 15 – Utilities in the City Code of Ordinances. Councilwoman Banz second the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilwoman Guy voting yea; Councilman Winter voting yea; Councilwoman Winegarner voting yea; and Councilwoman Banz voting yea.**

## F. Discussion of raising the mayor's expenditure authority

Mayor Spexarth stated that councilmembers questioned him regarding the low amount of his expenditure authority and those members expressed interest in raising the limit to better facilitate the day-to-day operations of the City and reduce the discussion time at Council meetings. The Council was supportive of raising the expenditure authority and requested that purchase orders be completed and included in packets each month for items requiring three bids.

**Councilwoman Guy moved that the Council raise the mayor's expenditure authority in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for non-emergency expenditures. Councilwoman Winegarner second the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

G. Discussion of the drainage issue on property between 147 and 203 S 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Mayor Spexarth reviewed the history of the drainage issue at the described location and presented pictures taken by Councilwoman Banz. The City Engineer and Public Works Director reviewed the area and estimated the cost to rectify the situation to be approximately \$15,000. There was discussion regarding the direction of the drainage, the situation being the responsibility of the homeowners with the City Attorney reminding the Council this was a private matter between the homeowners and advised the Council against taking action.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2015 Council meeting
- B. Approval of the Appropriations Ordinance No. 15-08-02 and 15-09-01
- C. Approval of the August financial reports
- D. Approval of the Temporary Special Event Permit Application for the beer garden

**Councilwoman Guy moved that the Council approve the consent agenda A-D as presented. Councilwoman Banz second the motion. Motion approved 4-0.**

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## A. Heritage Festival

Ms. Mary Ann Morrison reported on plans for the festival, highlighted the plans for the car show, and reminded the Mayor to welcome the veterans at the REC reception.

## B. Park Committee

Councilwoman Guy presented the dedication plaque for James Martin and stated the dedication attended by family and friends went well. Mayor Spexarth thanked Councilwoman Guy for her efforts. Councilwoman Guy reported that the City received the CFAP grant for the rock at the lake. She presented pictures of the refurbished

Veterans Park wrought iron with Council complimenting Councilwoman Guy for the improvements made in this area.

C. Marketing Committee

Councilwoman Winegarner stated there was nothing to report.

D. Annexation and FEMA Committee

Councilman Winter stated there was nothing to report.

E. Library Board – Mayor Spexarth stated the report was in the packet.

**7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

A. City Engineer – There was no report.

B. Fire – Chief Brad Banz, Fire Chief presented the monthly report and updated Council on the improvements made to the brush truck.

C. Public Works – William Gondoly, Public Works Director presented the monthly report. There was discussion regarding the reasons for the delivery of the tractor in December.

D. Police Department – Chief Hinkle presented the monthly report.

E. City Attorney – Mr. Stanley Juhnke, City Attorney, had nothing to report.

F. City Clerk - Ms. Brooks presented the monthly report.

**8. GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Banz thanked the department heads for their good work.

Mayor Spexarth requested the Council’s permission to begin the search process for the open positions included in the 2016 budget. The consensus of the Council was to proceed opening the positions.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was needed.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Councilwoman Guy moved for adjournment at 8:01 p.m. Councilwoman Winegarner second the motion. Motion approved 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted  
Diana K. Brooks, City Clerk