

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020 – 6:30 PM**  
**COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Thom called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Thom, Alders Gray, Johnson (arrived at 6:50), Reid, Ryan, Theilen, Traxler; Interim City Administrator Berner, City Attorney Johnson, City Clerk Goebel, interested citizens and the media.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Theilen, second by Ryan to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:** None.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Ryan, second by Gray to approve consent agenda. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 2/4/20, Applications for Operator Licenses, term 07/01/19 – 06/30/21.

**New Business**

1. **Consider & take action to approve the recommendations from Ruckert & Mielke, consulting engineers, that Staab Construction Corporation be awarded the WWTF Influent Screen Replacement Contract in the amount of \$798,000, including the alternate manufacture for the screen and washer:** Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to approve the recommendation. Roll call vote unanimous.
2. **Consider & take action to approve a contract with United Liquid Waste Recycling, Inc. to haul away and store the city's excess sludge:** Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen to approve the contract contingent upon the "hold harmless" clause is reciprocal as recommended by City Attorney. Carried voice vote. City's insurance carrier also requested the "hold harmless" clause.
3. **Consider & take action to approve CHLPC ADA Entryway Project and authorize them to move forward with the bid process:** Motion by Gray, second by Reid to approve the ADA entryway at the pavilion and to authorize them to move forward with the bidding process. Carried voice vote.
4. **Consider & take action to approve the proposed 2020 Capital Projects Budget Amendment & Resolution:** Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen to approve the proposed 2020 Capital Projects Budget Amendment. Motion carried 5-1 with Johnson, Reid, Ryan, Theilen, Traxler voting Yes, and Gray voting No.
5. **Consider & take action to approve the private sewer lateral replacement program and its application for all qualifying property owners of the City of Columbus:** Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen to approve the private sewer lateral replacement program to all qualifying owners in the City of Columbus. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action to approve the 2020 Haz-Mat agreement with Columbia County:** Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to approve the 2020 Haz Mat agreement with Columbia County. Roll call vote unanimous.
7. **Consider rescheduling the Council meetings of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 due to the Agri-Business Annual Dinner:** Motion by Traxler, second by Gray to move the March 17 Council meeting to Monday, March 16 due to the Agri-Business dinner. Carried voice vote.
8. **Consider rescheduling the Council meetings of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 due to Spring Election:** Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to move the April 7, 2020 Council meeting to Monday, April 6 due to the Spring Election. Carried voice vote.
9. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 834,002.98:** Motion by Ryan, second by Gray to approve the claims in the amount of \$834,002.98. Roll call vote unanimous.

- 10. Report of City Officers – Interim City Administrator:** Interim Administrator Berner announced the vacant Court Clerk position is accepting applications; Hibbard Street reconstruction bids will be opened on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at City Hall; meet & greet for 5 finalist candidates for City Administrator position will be Friday, February 28 and interviews will take place Saturday, February 29 at City Hall; special committee of the whole meeting regarding special assessments for Hibbard Street will take place Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30.  
**Mayor:** Spring Primary Election will take place tomorrow.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:  
Pat Goebel, City Clerk