

COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020 – 6:30 PM
RESCHEDULED MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 – 6:30 PM

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. Present were Mayor Thom, Alders Johnson, Reid (via teleconference), Ryan, Theilen (via teleconference), Traxler; Interim City Administrator Berner, City Attorney Johnson, City Clerk Goebel, City Engineer Lietha (via teleconference), City Staff & media (via teleconference). Excused Gray. Mayor Thom reported the meeting was coming to you via teleconference to comply with social distancing. Web access and phone access was provided for the public to join the meeting.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to approve. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:**
 - ***Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, City staff need to minimize attendance at the Council meeting in City Hall per Governor Evers' Directive. If possible, all citizen comments should be emailed to the City Clerk (pgoebel@columbuswi.us) or phoned in to Pat Goebel at 920-623-5900 no later than 4:30 pm Tuesday, March 24, 2020. All comments received will be read into record and are limited to 3 minutes in length.*** Items received were read into the record.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Ryan, second by Johnson to approve. Carried voice vote.

1. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 3/3/20, Street Closing Request: Kiwanis Club/Chamber of Commerce – Red Bud Days, May 9, 2020, Applications for Operator Licenses, term 07/01/19 – 06/30/21

New Business

1. **Consider & take action on Emergency Declaration:** Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to approve the Emergency Declaration. Carried voice vote.
2. **Consider & take action on amendments for the 2019 budget to qualify for the Expenditure Restraint Payment:** Motion by Johnson, second by Ryan to approve Resolution #2-20. Carried voice vote.
3. **Consider & take action on Engagement Letter with Baker Tilly for the 2020 Sewer Rate Study:** Motion by Ryan, second by Traxler to approve the Engagement Letter with Baker Tilly for the sewer rate study. Roll call vote unanimous.
4. **Consider & take action on offer to purchase of decommissioned blowers from WWTP:** Motion by Johnson, second by Theilen to approve the offer to purchase the decommissioned blowers from the WWTP. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action on Access Easement for Sennview Farms to cross the City owned lands north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to approve access easement for Sennview Farms to cross city owned land north of the WWTP. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on agreement with Sennview Farms regarding the City owned land north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Motion by Traxler, second by Johnson to approve the agreement with Sennview Farms. Carried voice vote.
7. **Consider & take action on changes to Cable Commission Ordinance #735-17:** Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Carried voice vote. Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to waive the required readings. Carried voice vote. Motion by Ryan, second by Johnson to adopt ordinance #735-17. Carried voice vote.

8. **Consider & take further action on agreement with United Liquid Waste Recycling Inc for sludge removal:** Motion by Johnson, second by Traxler to rescind motion on March 3, 2020 which approved the agreement. Carried voice vote. Motion by Johnson, second by Theilen to approve the agreement with United Liquid Waste Recycling, Inc for sludge removal. Carried voice vote.
9. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 1,121,007.18:** Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to approve claims in the amount of \$1,121,007.18. Traxler redrew his motion Ryan withdrew her second due to incorrect claims amount. Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to approve the claims in the amount of \$1,121,007.08. Roll call vote unanimous.
10. **Report of City Officers – Interim City Administrator:** Reported staff are following the guidelines of the CDC and the Governor; Thank you to staff taking precautions, and being responsible to keep the City going; will hold staff meeting tomorrow via teleconference; Debbie Finucane has been hired as the new Municipal Court Clerk; has been in contact with Kyle Ellefson and working on the onboarding of the new administrator. Kyle is expected to start April 6, 2020. **Mayor:** next meeting is April 6, 2020 and that meeting is still on schedule, possibly with the teleconferencing option; looking forward to working with Kyle, but wanted to thank Dave for the work he has done for Columbus – providing stability in the interim; absentee ballot information: must be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot, can request ballot online or at the clerk's office; holding absentee voting and registration hours in the evenings Tuesdays & Thursday until 8:00 pm until April 2; voters can request a ballot to be mailed through April 2, but can vote absentee and register to vote in City Hall until 5:00 pm April 3; Governor's Safer At Home order begins 8:05 am March 25 through 8:05 am April 24 unless otherwise lifted. Watch City website, social media for additional information as it becomes available; complete your census forms; contact your elected officials with concerns of COVID-19. Thank you to Lisa Wolf for getting us set up with the teleconference option.
Council President Traxler thanked the Mayor for his comments. We can come together in various ways to help our neighbor and we will get through this. We are grateful for the technology which allows us to meet in this way.

Adjourn: Motion by Traxler, second by Ryan to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:
Pat Goebel, City Clerk