

COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 – 6:30 PM
Columbus City Hall

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Thom.
Present: Mayor Thom, Alders Gray (via teleconference), McCabe, Pyfferoen, Reid, Ryan; City Administrator Ellefson, City Deputy Clerk Fude, City Attorney Johnson (via teleconference), City Staff (via teleconference), interested citizens.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Pyfferoen, seconded by Ryan to approve. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:** None.
Consent Agenda: Motion by Ryan, seconded by Pyfferoen to approve consent agenda. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 5/5/20, Applications for Operator Licenses, term 07/01/19 – 06/30/21

New Business

1. **Consider & take action on Resolution #9-20 "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,135,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details With Respect to the Bonds":** Greg Johnson provided a recap of the sewer bonds and bid tabulations. Motion by Ryan, seconded by McCabe to approve Resolution #9-20 "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,135,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds". Roll call vote unanimous.
2. **Consider & take action on Resolution #8-20 "Resolution Providing For The Rebate Of Certain Alcohol License Fees And Amending Certain Polices For The Approval Of Alcohol Licenses During The 2020-2021 License Period":**
Motion by Pyfferoen, seconded by Reid to approve Resolution #8-20 "Resolution Providing For The Rebate Of Certain Alcohol License Fees And Amending Certain Polices For The Approval Of Alcohol Licenses During The 2020-2021 License Period". Roll call vote unanimous.
3. **Consider & take action on Mayoral Appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions:**
Mayor Thom read all the appointments. All are reappointments extending their terms except for Kyle Ellefson where his appointment to the Joint Board of Review is as a city representative. Nora Vieau-Library 2023, Jim Schieble-Library 2023, Kyle Ellefson-Joint Board of Review, City Representative, Brad Basten-Plan 2023, Theresa Sumnicht- Police and Fire Commission 2025, Mike Meyers - CDA 2024. Motion by McCabe, seconded by Ryan to approve Mayoral Appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions. Carried voice vote.
4. **Consider & take action on donation from Lions Club of a Lion Park Bench in Meister Park:** Recreation Director Meyers presented information and thanked the Lions Club for their donation. This is a nice addition to Meister Park. Motion by Ryan, seconded by Reid to approve donation from Lions Club of a Lion Park Bench in Meister Park. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action on donation from Lions Club for planters in Meister Park:** Another donation from the Lions Club. The Lions Club will maintain the planters. Motion by McCabe, seconded by Ryan to approve donation from Lions Club for planters in Meister Park. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on DOT Traffic Safety Grant – Police Dept:** The Police Department received a \$4,000 grant and will replace two radar units. Motion by Ryan, seconded by Pyfferoen to approve DOT Traffic Safety Grant – Police Dept. in the amount of \$4,000.00. Carried voice vote.

7. **Consider & take action on The Woods Development Letter of Credit:** DPW Director Navin gave an update of what needed to be accomplished. Motion by Gray, seconded by Pyfferoen to authorize staff to pull letter of credit and extend for not more than 30 days. Carried voice vote.
8. **Consider & take action on Mae Ward Fund application – Downtown planters:** Director of Planning & Development Schrieber expects to see final invoice not to exceed \$500.00. Motion by Reid, seconded by Ryan to approve downtown planters. Carried voice vote.
9. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 209,037.69:** Motion by Pyfferoen, seconded by McCabe to approve claims in the amount of \$209,037.69. Roll call vote unanimous.
10. **Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** Finance Director deadline is May 27, may need to extend. Safer at Home has expired and working on plans for reopening departments. League of WI Municipalities did issue ability of municipalities to set restrictions but warned restrictions should be narrowly tailored. **Mayor:** Reported on self response rates: Nationwide 59.6%, State of WI 67%, Columbia County 70.6 and City of Columbus 76.2. Encourage everyone to complete their self-response. Thanked Columbus Water and Light for working Columbus School District for helping with the senior graduate banners and wanted to congratulate the graduates. May 8th the city received a LRIP grant from the State of WI. for street projects in the amount of \$450,000. Total estimated cost for the Hibbard project is \$1,900,000. This is tremendous news for our city to receive this funding. District 3 alderman still has a vacancy. If interested please contact City Clerk, Patricia Goebel. Please see our website for committee vacancies. Reid attended the Library Board meeting and reported that the Library will be opening May 26 with regular hours with some restrictions.
Adjourn: Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Ryan to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:
Jane Fude, Deputy Clerk