

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Hammer, Council President Roelke, Alders: Finkler, Gray, Motiff, Reid, Steiner; Staff: Swartz, Goebel, Bledsoe, Atty Johnson, CE Lietha, Weiner, Hazeltine, Larson, Caine, interested citizens.
  2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Hammer led the Pledge of Allegiance
  3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
  4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Finkler, second by Motiff to approve the agenda with the updated to the claims in the amount of: \$490,554.77. Carried voice vote.
  5. **Correspondence & Communications:**  
Jason Lietha, 436 W School Street, talked about the water main break this week.  
Mayor Hammer read statement from Randy Koehn, 115 Greenview Dr, regarding 1149 W James St  
Scott Hazeltine spoke on the fire truck, fire station  
**Presentation of Service Award – Kelly Towne:** Police Chief Weiner presented Officer Kelly Towne with a plaque for her 19 ½ years of service with the City of Columbus. Good luck at new job.
- Consent Agenda:** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to approve the consent agenda with updated operator license list. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 7/11/23, Approve Operator Licenses for 7/1/23 – 6/30/25: Colten Miller, Anthony Larson, Lincoln Trumble, Zachary Marquardt, Leha Zobel.

**New Business**

1. **Consider & take action on Task Order #2023-03 "2024 Street & Utility Reconstruction":** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to approve Task Order 2023-03. Carried voice vote.
2. **Consider & take action on Resolution #6-23 to approve the Folsom Street special assessment and final report:** Motion by Gray, second by Finkler to approve Resolution #6-23 & final report. Carried voice vote.
3. **Consider & take action on Chicken Permit – 443 W Prairie St:** Planning & Zoning Administrator Bledsoe went to the property and there no coop to inspect. Consensus to remove from agenda.
4. **Consider & take action on additional funds for Fire Dept pick up truck:** Motion by Motiff, second by Steiner to postpone taking action for more information. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action for Fire Dept to accept donation from American Packaging:** Motion by Finkler, second by Roelke to accept donation from American Packaging in amount of \$5000. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on claims: \$490,554.77:** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to approve claims. Roll call vote unanimous.
7. **Report of City Officers – Interim City Administrator:** working on DPW Director job description, updating the comp plan, investment policy, contract for zoning services, building inspector; reviewing garbage cart analysis for one provider. **Mayor:** working on meet & greet for City Administrator candidates; thank you to City employees through the transition; wish Brandon Bledsoe best of luck in Marshall.
8. **Adjourn:** Motion by Motiff, second by Finkler to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by  
Pat Goebel, City Clerk