

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022**

1. **Roll Call:** Council President Gray called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm. Present: Gray, Arnold, Albright, Motiff, Roelke, Reid, Steiner; City Administrator Ellefson, City Clerk Goebel, City Attorney Johnson, City Engineer Lietha, City staff, CWL staff, interested citizens.
2. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Motiff, second by Arnold to approve agenda. Carried voice vote.
4. **Citizen Comments:** None.
5. **Committee / Commission Minutes:** Placed on file: CAAC 6/8/22, CWL 6/16/22, Library 4/19/22, Senior Center 7/7/22, Tourism 6/6/22
6. **RM State Hwy 89 Change Order:** The Change Order consists mostly for the blasting of rock. The amount of the change order is \$45,794.73. Forward to 8/16 Regular Meeting.
7. **RM Street Maintenance bid recommendation for base patching:** Received one bid from Wolf Paving; base bid in the amount of \$29,256, plus 2 alternates. Recommend going with just the base bid. Forward to 8/16 Regular Meeting.
8. **RM Street Maintenance bid recommendation for chip sealing:** Received one bid from Fahrner Asphalt; recommend rejecting the bid due to budgeting, and hope for better results in the future.
9. **Beautification Committee:** Citizens Paula Steiner requested the beautification ordinance be brought back to include business owners and residents appointed to the committee, and make recommendations for plantings around City parks. Request a small annual budget, perhaps run through Mae Ward Fund, but most of the plants would come from donations. Return to 8/16 COW to review ordinance.
10. **Columbia County Solid Waste Contract Extension:** Current contract options are 1 year extension or a 5-year extension with the fuel surcharge not to exceed 2.5%. Forward to 8/16 Regular meeting.
11. **Plan Commission recommendation for CUP for home occupation at 259 Oak Street:** Forward to 8/16 Regular meeting with Plan Commission stipulations for home occupation.
12. **Trick or Treat Hours – 2022:** Recreation recommendation to have Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 30, 4:00-7:00 pm. Forward to 8/16 Regular meeting.
13. **Discuss Length of term for elected officials:** Discussion to lengthen Alder and/or Mayor's terms. Consensus to keep all terms as they currently are.
14. **Convene to closed session per §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss potential sale of property in the City of Columbus:** Motion by Roelke, second by Motiff to convene to closed session at 7:51 pm. Roll call vote unanimous.
15. **Reconvene to open session:** Motion by Arnold, second by Motiff to reconvene at 8:43 pm. Carried voice vote.
16. **Adjourn:** Motion by Roelke, second by Motiff to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:
Pat Goebel, City Clerk