

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Arnold, called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Present: Mayor Arnold, Alders: Albright, Motiff, Reid, Roelke, Steiner, City Administrator Ellefson, Deputy Clerk Fude, City Attorney Johnson, City Engineer Lietha, Staff: Anding, Bledsoe, Lentz, Hazeltine, and interested citizens. Alder Gray excused.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Arnold led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Roelke, second by Motiff to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:** None.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Motiff, second by Reid to approve the consent agenda. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 8/1/22, Approve Operator Licenses for Licensing Period 7/1/22 – 6/30/24: Tamara L. Campbell; Approve Street Closing Request – Columbus Fire Dept – Freedom Bike Riders 9/10/2022; Approve Mayoral Appointment to Columbus Utility Commission: Sandy Curtis –term to expire 2024.

New Business:

1. **Consider & take action on Hwy 89 Change Order:** Motion by Albright, seconded by Steiner to approve Hwy. 89 change order in the amount of \$45,794.73. Roll call vote unanimous.
2. **Consider & take action on recommendation for base patching bid from Wolf Paving:** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to approve base patching bid from Wolf Paving in the amount of \$29,256.00. Roll call vote unanimous.
3. **Consider & take action to Reject Seal Coating Bids:** Bids were rejected as they came in at a higher cost than expected. Motion by Albright, second by Motiff to Reject Seal Coating Bids. Carried voice vote.
4. **Consider & take action to suspend the rules for Ordinance #772-22 "An Ordinance to Adopt the City of Columbus, Wisconsin Comprehensive Plan 2020-2040":** Motion by Albright, second by Steiner to suspend the rules and consider immediate consideration. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action to waive the readings for Ordinance #772-22 "An Ordinance to Adopt the City of Columbus, Wisconsin Comprehensive Plan 2020-2040":** Motion by Roelke, second by Steiner to waive the readings. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action to adopt Ordinance #772-22 "An Ordinance to Adopt the City of Columbus, Wisconsin Comprehensive Plan 2020-2040":** Motion by Steiner, second by Roelke to adopt Ordinance 772-22 "An Ordinance to Adopt the City of Columbus, Wisconsin Comprehensive Plan 2020-2040" Roll call vote unanimous.
7. **Consider & take action on filter influent pump repairs – WWTF:** Council recommendation to purchase a new motor vs. a reconditioned motor if able to receive soon enough. Motion by Motiff, second by Albright to approve filter influent pump repairs – WWTF for a cost of \$13,708.00. Roll call vote unanimous.
8. **Consider & take action on recommendation of Plan Commission for CUP at 259 Oak Street:** Hunter Frank, 259 Oak Street applied for a conditional use permit to conduct a home-based occupation. Motion by Albright, second by Motiff to approve Plan Commission recommendation for CUP at 259 Oak Street. Carried voice vote.
9. **Consider & take action on recommendation for Trick or Treat date/time:** Motion by Roelke, second by Steiner to approve Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 30, 2022 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Carried voice vote.
10. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$106,401.04:** Motion by Motiff, second by Albright to approve claims in the amount of \$106,401.04. Roll call vote unanimous.

- 11. Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** Reminded everyone to submit grant proposals for ARPA funds by Thursday, August 25. There is a public information meeting Wednesday, August 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm with a short presentation at 5:15 pm at the Senior Center for the Hwy 73 project. They will be repaving from Faith Dr. to Middleton Street in 2025. Receiving some of the state numbers. Net new construction number is 0.35, Population estimate is 5,530 as of January 1, 2022, and equalized value is \$556,000,000.00 which is an increase of \$52,000,000.00. Department head budgets are due this Friday. Enjoy the last few weeks of the pool season and the rest of the summer. School will begin shortly so remember school zones, speed limits and watch for students. We are looking for crossing guards, both fill-ins and regular hours. If interested please reach out to the police department. **Mayor:** Farmers Market is from 3:00 to 6:30 pm on Ludington every Wednesday until October 12. Kim Lang from the Senior Center is hosting a Lunch and Learn at 11:30 am Wednesday, August 17. The topic will be Effective Communication Strategies presented by the Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Association. The Library will be wrapping up the summer reading program on Tuesday, August 23. Wednesday, August 24th at the Library from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm will be a Pirates and Mermaids party to celebrate the successful summer reading program. This Sunday, August 21, is the Aquatic back to school event where everyone present gets back to school supplies donated by the Kiwanis Club. Wednesday, August 18 is the deadline to register for fall soccer and volleyball. Be sure to check the City's website for more information. Columbus had a 32% turnout for the August 9th Partisan Primary. This is higher than the state average. Mayor thanked Jane Fude and Pat Goebel for running a smooth election. Next election is in November.
- 12. Adjourn:** Motion by Motiff, second by Albright to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Carried voice vote/Roll call vote unanimous.

Submitted by:
Jane Fude, Deputy Clerk