

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday August 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Columbus City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crombie and notice of open meeting was noted as posted. Present: Mayor Crombie, Council members Hendrickson, Melotte, Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media.

Mayor Crombie led the Council in the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Traxler second by Melotte to approve the agenda. Motion carried voice vote. There were no citizen comments or communications.

Mayor Crombie presented the Consent Agenda. No items were asked to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion by Melotte second by Rule to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried voice vote.

Mayor Crombie call to order a public hearing on a proposed Ordinance No. 732-16, “An Ordinance to Impose an Impact Fee Pursuant to §66.0617, WIS. STATS”. City Attorney Johnson introduced the proposed ordinance and explained the ordinance is directed toward a section of land in Columbus Commerce Center to pay for road work done as part of the WDOT work at the intersection of STH 16 and STH 60.

Michael Eisenga, owner of the Columbus Commerce Center, stated he is aware of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City, the State and Columbus Commerce Center for the work. Eisenga stated he has an estimate of \$35,000 for the work to install turn lanes at the intersection of STH 16 and STH 60.

Mayor Crombie asked three time for any citizen comments. Hearing none, the public hearing closed on a motion Thom second by Hendrickson. Motion carried voice vote.

City Engineer Lietha was present to answer questions on the final report of the special assessments for 2016 Street and Utility Improvements.

Motion by Thom second by Reid to accept the final report of the special assessments for 2016 Street and Utility Improvements. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Hendrickson, Melotte, Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting ‘Yes.’

City Administrator Vander Sanden reported the city has not yet received the report of the insurance adjustor on the damage to the Chapel Street Water Tower but has forwarded to them a proposal for repair. The independent review by a structural engineer is not rescheduled at this time.

Thom asked at what time the residents will be allowed to return to their homes. Vander Sanden stated that is not known at this time, but stated some work will need to be done before the residents are allowed to return. After the reports of the insurance company and the independent engineer are received more will be known. HLPC has been getting quotes for repair and PW Manager Clark has been getting quotes to take the tower down.

City Attorney Johnson reported the dollar amount in the ordinance came from the State Municipal Agreement signed by the City of Columbus, the WDOT and Michael Eisenga. An impact fee is different from a special assessment in that the impact fee goes against a specific property in a specific incidence. Eisenga asked the city to meet with him and his attorney about the MOU. Tabled until after the parties can meet.

Discussion of Ordinance No. 732-16, “An Ordinance to Impose an Impact Fee Pursuant to §66.0617, WIS. STATS” was tabled to the next meeting to allow time for the parties to meet.

Motion by Traxler second by Melotte to grant operator licenses to Tressan Firkus, Amanda Anderson, Teresa Miller. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Hendrickson, Melotte, Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting ‘Yes.’

Motion by Rule second by Melotte to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$1,423,199.46. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Hendrickson, Melotte, Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting ‘Yes.’

City Administrator reported the summer listening session for the Council will be Wednesday August 24, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Rest Haven in Firemans Park. National Night Out will be held Tuesday August 2, 2016 at Firemans Park from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Mayor Crombie presented, on behalf of the City Council, an honor tree to City Clerk Donahue in recognition of working for the city for 40 years.

Items placed on file through the Consent Agenda:

Council Minutes – 07/19/16

CWL – 05/12/16, 06/09/16

HLPC – 07/13/16

Picnic License: Oddfellows Tri-County Lodge #40, for Oddtoberfest, Sept 24, 2016 at Fireman's Park Pavilion; Picnic License: Columbus WI F.U.N., for Arts & Ales, August 7, 2016 in the 100 block of S Water St, part of S Water Street Parking lot

Street Closing – Columbus WI F.U.N. – 100 block S. Water St, part of S Water Street Parking lot 8/7/16, for Arts & Ales, 7 am – 9 pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Thom. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk