



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 07, 2025 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Joe Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:41pm. Members present included: Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Sarah Motiff, Alderperson Trina Reid, and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

ABSENT

Alderperson Molly Finkler, and Council President Amy Roelke were excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Motiff to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Special Committee of the Whole, Council and Committee of the Whole Minutes of 12/17/2024.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

2. Consider and take action on the Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court 2025 Budget (CoW 1/7/25):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Motiff to adopt the Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court 2025 Budget as presented. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Consider and take action on purchase of Fire Department Command Truck (CoW 1/7/25):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad to approve the purchase of the City of Columbus Fire Department Command Truck at a total package purchase price not to exceed \$66,894.38. Alder Motiff questioned including the total package pricing but understood why the motion was stated as such. Attorney Johnson was questioned as to the wording of the motion. Johnson agreed with

Alder Rostad's motion, but it should be clarified that it is only for the purchase of the truck at this time, adding the vehicle type to motion. Verbiage should also be changed in order to approve the current truck quote, and not have to bring the additional quotes of graphics and equipment installation back to Council for approval as it would be assumed that the city would go with the lowest quote received for such. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve the purchase of the 2025 Chevy Silverado (from Napleton) for the Fire Department Command Truck in the amount of \$54,499.50.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid

Voting Nay: Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 3-1 Roll Call vote.

4. Consider and take action on job description for DPW Lead and authorization to fill vacancy (CoW 12/17/24):

Amundson shared data from five area communities advertising for Public Works General Laborers/Crew Leaders and our proposed hourly wage range is comparable.

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to accept the job description for a Department of Public Works Lead and authorize staff to fill the vacancy.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Rostad.

Motion carried on a 4-0 Roll Call vote.

5. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 1-25 accepting the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan (CoW 12/17/24):

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Motiff to approve Resolution 1-25: A Resolution to Accept the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Amundson will be presenting the approved 2025-2027 Strategic Plan at the Rotary Club's meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

6. Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$398,914.52:

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve Claims in the amount of \$398,914.52.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Rostad.

Motion carried on a 4-0 Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – Police Chief, City Administrator, Mayor

Police Chief Weiner had nothing to report at this time.

Amundson thanked the staff committee of Amy Jo Meyers, David Bennett, and Susan Caine for their work this past year on the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan. He also thanked those who attended the Public Input Sessions and Council for their time and efforts. The work begins now with implementation of the plan. Amundson is organizing a staff retreat to specifically work on the key points in the plan. He also shared well wishes to the residents and the community for a great start to 2025.

Mayor Hammer shared condolences to the family of Shirley Banetzke who served the city with her time and talents on the Hillside Cemetery Board and the Community Center Advisory Board. She will be greatly missed. Hammer announced there are openings on both the Cable Commission and Community Center Advisory Board for anyone willing to serve, and check out our city's website for the latest information on city meetings.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to adjourn at 7:00pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.