

**Subdivision**

**City of Columbus**

2424 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, NE 68601  
City Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month.

Term:

4-year term for Mayor and City Council Members.

Term Begins: The 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting in December following the Statewide General Election – Nebraska State Statue 17-104.

Airport Authority was dissolved late in 2008, No Election for this office.

Partisan or NonPartisan Elections?

NonPartisan Election (City Ordinance # 04-39 of 2004)

When Election Held?

Primary and General (unless auto nominated)

Mayor is up for Election in 2024.

Council Members – Each Ward has 2 Council Members.

One Council Member from each Ward is Elected every two years.

**Qualifications of Mayor and City Council Members**

1. Registered Voter of Platte County and Council Members must live in their Ward.
2. Pay the Filing Fee of 1% of the Elected Officials Salary as of November 30<sup>th</sup> of the year preceding the Election for the office for which the candidate files for. Nebraska State Statue 32-608. (City Mayor and Council Members pay their fees first to the City Clerk.)
3. Candidate will need to bring a receipt from the City Clerk’s office to the Platte County Election Commissioner’s Office when they are ready to file for office. No Filing form will be allowed to be completed without the City Clerks Receipt.
4. File a NonPartisan Filing Form with the Platte County Election Commissioner Office by the deadlines:

**Incumbents** are the current office holder and **filing date is December 1<sup>st</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the date of the Primary Election.** No Incumbent who resigns from elective office prior to the expiration of their term shall file for any office after February 15<sup>th</sup> of that election year. Nebraska State Statue 32-606

**Nonincumbents** are those who are currently not an office holder and the **filing date is December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the date of the Primary Election.** Nebraska State Statue 32-606

## **City of Columbus Current Office Holders:**

### **Mayor**

**Jim Bulkley**  
85 Cottonwood Drive  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-563-4837

Year Elected: November 2016 and Reelected 2020

Second Term Began: December 7, 2020 and ends December 2, 2024. Up for Reelection in 2024.

### **Council Member Ward 1**

**Beth F. Augustine-Schulte**  
121 N. Rose Lane  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-564-1855

Appointed in 2009

Year Elected: November 2010, Reelected in 2014, 2018

Third Term Began: December 3, 2018 and ends December 5, 2022. Up for Reelection in 2022.

### **Council Member Ward 1**

**Charlie Bahr**  
1410 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-564-1059

Year Elected: November 2006, Reelected in 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020

Fifth Term Began: December 7, 2020 and ends December 2, 2024. Up for Reelection in 2024.

### **Council Member Ward 2**

**Dennis Kresha**  
770 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-563-3893

Year Elected: November 2014 and Reelected in 2018.

Second Term Began: December 3, 2018 and ends in December 2, 2022. Up for Reelection in 2022.

**Council Member  
Ward 2**

**Troy G. Hiemer**  
3 Lakewood Drive  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-910-8541

Year Elected: November 2016 and Reelected in 2020

Second Term Began: December 7, 2020 and ends December 2, 2024. Up  
for Reelection in 2024.

**City Clerk  
Not Elected**

**Janelle Kline**  
2424 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 1677  
Columbus, NE 68602-1677  
402-562-4224

Appointed: 2012 after Linda Walters died

**Council Member  
Ward 3**

**Richard E. Jablonski**  
3260 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-564-2064

Year Elected: November 2014

Second Term Began: December 3, 2018 and ends in December 2, 2022.  
Up for Reelection in 2022.

**Council Member  
Ward 3**

**Ron Schilling**  
3003 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-910-6979

Year Elected: Elected 2004 and Reelected in 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020.

Fifth Term Began: December 7, 2020 and ends December 2, 2024. Up  
for Reelection in 2024.

**Council Member  
Ward 4**

**J (Joseph) Prent Roth, Jr.**  
3664 Regency Place  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-563-2008

Appointed in 2016 after Terry Reardon moved out of Ward 4.

Year Elected: Elected 2018

First Term Began: December 3, 2018 and ends in December 2, 2022.  
Up for Reelection in 2022.

**Council Member  
Ward 4**

**John F. Lohr**  
301 Pershing Road  
Columbus, Ne 68601  
402-564-5357

Year Elected: 2004 and Reelected in 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020.

Fifth Term Began: December 7, 2020 and ends December 2, 2024. Up  
for Reelection in 2024.

**Airport Authority:** November-December 2008 Airport Authority Board was dissolved. Debit  
was paid off. No longer any Elected Positions. Mayor appointed a  
committee to monitor activities.