The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 12:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor - Dwain Dungen

Mayor Pro Tem - Curtiss Schonenberg

Councilman - Charles Richardson

Councilman - John Axel

Councilman - Bruce Tesch (Absent)

Councilman - Chuck Rankin
City Manager - Donald Warschak
City Secretary - Cathy Ezell

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief - Danny Jackson

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dungen called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of invoices.

b. Approval of minutes of December 9, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Citizen's presentation and comments.1

There were no Citizen's presentations or comments.

5. Acknowledgement of employees>

Mayor Dungen recognized Ty Prause for his nineteen (19) years of dedicated service to the City of Columbus as City Attorney. He also recognized the Employee of the Year, Linda Lakich.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, recognized Kaylee Brune for receiving her Municipal Court Clerk I certification.

6. City Manager report.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes.

7. Consideration and action to award the contract for fuel for the term of January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 to Colorado County Oil.

Mayor Dungen stated that the only bid received for fuel was from Colorado County Oil.

Councilman Richardson made a motion to award the contract for fuel for the term of January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 to Colorado County Oil. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and action to appoint one alternate member and one member to the Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Dungen recommended tabling this item until January. He stated that he needed additional time to talk to volunteers.

No action was taken.

9. Discussion and action on the November Police Report.

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, gave the Police Report for November 2010.

No action was taken.

10. <u>Items from Councilmembers.</u>²

Councilman Richardson - no comment.

Councilman Axel – wished everyone a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Schonenberg - wished everyone a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Rankin - wished everyone a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Dungen – wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work.

11. Announcements.

City Secretary, Cathy Ezell, announced that the next meeting would be on January 13, 2011. She also stated that she would be out of town that week for election training.

12. Adjournment.

Mayor Dungen adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Mayor, Dwain Dungen

ATTEST:

Linda Lakich, Assistant City Secretary

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.

¹During this agenda item, citizens may comment for the record on items, which are not on the agenda. However, the Council may not participate in discussion or deliberation on any item that is not on the agenda. Citizens may request that a topic be added to a future agenda.

²Limited to statements. Issues raised by councilmembers under this item cannot be deliberated by Council. The Open Meetings Act does not allow Council to deliberate items that don't appear on the agenda.