

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 6:30 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	-	Steve Woodall
Councilman	-	John Axel (Absent)
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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 October 10, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2013.

After clarification on several invoices, Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments at this time.

5. City Manager's Report Including GFOA Award and Electrical Rate Contract.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He also gave an update on the grant for the KWI gas line.

6. Consideration and Action to Approve Schedule for City Council Meetings for November and December 2013.

After some discussion, it was proposed that the second meeting in November be rescheduled for Monday, November 25th at 6:30 p.m. There was also a proposal that the second meeting in December be rescheduled for Monday, December 23rd at noon.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to change the two Council meetings as proposed. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action Approve Appointment of a Library Advisory Board Member.

Mayor Dungen stated that the Library Advisory Board submitted Virgil Thompson, Sr. for appointment to the Board.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the appointment of Virgil Thompson, Sr. to the Library Advisory Board. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 130-13 Adopting the City of Columbus Investment Policy.

Linda Lakich explained that the Investment Policy contains a provision for annual review and adoption. She said there were no changes from last year's adopted policy.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve Resolution 130-13 adopting the City of Columbus Investment Policy as presented. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Designate the City's Official Newspaper

Mayor Dungen said that this is an annual item and that the *Colorado County Citizen* is the City's current Official Newspaper.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to designate the *Colorado County Citizen* as the City's Official Newspaper. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Participate in H-GAC Downtown Revitalization Workshops Grant.

Donald Warschak said that this grant will provide training to city officials in downtown revitalization and that there is no match required from the City.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to authorize the City to participate in the H-GAC Downtown Revitalization Workshops Grant. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

11. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property

Mayor Dungen adjourned the regular session at 6:41 p.m. to enter into executive session.

12. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Deliberations about Real Property.

Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session at 6:57 p.m. with the same members present as before.

Mayor Dungen explained that no action would be taken.

13. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Hernandez – expressed his gratitude for the support he received during his recent illness.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

14. Announcements.

It was announced that Columbus Folk Fest would be taking place on November 1st through 3rd.

15. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, City Secretary

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.

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.

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.

