

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2017 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	-	Lori An Gobert (Absent)
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of January 2017 Financial Statements

Councilman Swindle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin.
Absent: Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no comments.

5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, TxDOT Signal Light Update, IH-10 Colorado River Bridge, Visitors' Center Project, Water System Flushing, and Water Filtration Project.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated the March sales tax payment, which is based on January collections, was \$102,907.70. This was an approximate \$4,000 increase over the same time period last year. He also stated the county and Weimar both saw increases, while Eagle Lake saw a slight decrease. The signal lights at Interstate 10 and Highway 71 are now in flash mode, and should be that way for approximately a week.

Warschak stated TxDOT would be doing repairs to the west bound lanes of the IH-10 river bridge. The repairs should be completed by Friday. The City should expect increased traffic due to travelers avoiding the slow down on the interstate.

Regarding the Visitors' Center, he stated advertising for bids would be ongoing for a month, with bids being accepted on April 21st.

Warschak stated City crews are currently flushing the water system in the Northeast quadrant of the City.

He concluded his report by stating the plans for the Water Filtration Project were almost complete.

Councilman Rankin asked about reimbursement for the repairs at the waste water treatment plant. The Mayor suggested sending an amended project cost plan to FEMA since more material was required for the repairs due to additional bank erosion.

Councilman Swindle asked about the property north of the sewer plant, and if the erosion was going to be addressed. Warschak stated the Corps of Engineers would be looking at that property.

6. Consideration and Action to Declare a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Patrol Unit, VIN 2FAHP71V39X110594, as Surplus Property.

Warschak stated this vehicle had been replaced with a new Tahoe, and could now be sent to auction.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to declare the specified police vehicle as surplus property. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin.
Absent: Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the February 2017 Columbus Golf Association Report.

CMGA treasurer, Mike Craddock, gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Craddock stated they had been receiving some membership dues. He also said March was looking good for business due to the good weather. Councilman Rankin asked about details on memberships, and their plans to increase membership numbers. Councilman Swindle also stated membership had to be increased.

Craddock told Council this would be the last report he would deliver. John Mangini will be the new treasurer. The Mayor thanked Craddock for his service to the CMGA.

No action was required.

8. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Cummings – Asked if the swings at Midtown Park would be replaced, and he also stated there was a fence down near the bridge where the gas comes in. Warschak stated he would inquire about the swings, and the downed fence did not pose a safety hazard.

Councilwoman Gobert – Absent

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Dungen – None

6. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

7. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.


Mayor, Dwain Dungen

ATTEST:


Bana Schneider, 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.

²Limited to statements. Issues raised by council members 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.

