



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor – Lori An Gobert
Mayor Pro Tem – Chuck Rankin
Councilman – Keith Cummings
Councilman – Ronny Daley
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba
Councilman – Michael Ridlen
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lori An Gobert called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:




Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

- 3.1 **Approval of Invoices** [INVOICES 08.14.2023.pdf](#) 
- 3.2 **Approval of Minutes of the July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting**
[MINUTES 07.24.2023.pdf](#) 
- 3.3 **Approval of Minutes of the of the July 31, 2023 Special Meeting**
[MINUTES 07.31.2023.pdf](#) 

3.4 **Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2023** [INVESTMENT REPORT 06.30.2023.pdf](#) 

4. **Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation) and Windshield Express.** [INVOICES_COLUMBUS TIRE.WINDSHIELD EXPRESS.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the Columbus Tire and Windshield Express invoices as presented.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye Michael Ridlen, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Abstain Paige Sciba

Carried 4-0

5. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹**

Citizens requested to speak at specific agenda items.

6. **City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, TxDOT Projects Update, Montezuma Sidewalk Grant Application, PHMSA Pipeline Grant, and the 2023 Gas System Improvements Update.** [CM_REPORT.pdf](#) 

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Regarding sales tax, Warschak reported the City received \$209,210.33 compared to \$184,441.69 over the same time period last year. The County and City of Eagle Lake saw increases, while the City of Weimar saw a slight decrease.

Regarding Hwy 71 (Fannin Street) Signal Light Project, Warschak reported the contractor continues to work on the intersection of this project.

Regarding the Montezuma Street Sidewalk Grant Application, Warschak reported the application has been submitted. TxDOT is targeting October to compile the list of projects for recommendation.

Regarding the PHMSA Pipeline Grant, Warschak reported our application has been submitted,

Regarding the 2023 Gas System Improvements, Warschak reported B&D Services has installed the main gas lines on the project. Connection of the services lines will begin once the installation of the lines has been tested.

7. **Consideration and Action to Approve an Eagle Scout Project as Requested by Scott Korell.**

Scott Korell addressed Council asking permission to install trash cans around the City for his Eagle Scout Project.

Motion to approve this Eagle Scout Project with placement of trash cans to be coordinated with City Manager, Donald Warschak.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen
Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

8. First Reading of Resolution 267-23, a Resolution Authorizing CCIDC Approval for Acquisition of Real Property for Economic Development Purposes Requiring an Expenditure that Exceeds \$10,000. [RESOLUTION 267-23 CCIDC PURCHASE.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the First Reading of Resolution 267-23.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen
Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

9. Consideration and Action to Send to Planning & Zoning a Replat of 0.48 Acre Tract Being All of Original Lot 6 and Part of Original Lot 5 of Block 43 of the City of Columbus into Two (2) Lots (0.2277 Acres (Lot 1) and 0.2449 Acres (Lot 2)) as Requested by Alvin and Lollie Raetzsch. [REPLAT RAETZSCH.pdf](#)

Warschak gave the location of the property and highlighted the owner's intentions.

Motion to send the Raetzsch replat to P&Z.

Moved by: Paige Sciba
Seconded by: Ronny Daley

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

10. Consideration and Action to Send to Planning & Zoning a Replat of a 0.309 Acre Tract Being Lots 18, 17, and Part Of 16 in Range 4 of the Smith and Jones Addition of the City of Columbus into Two (2) Lots (0.158 Acres (Lot A) and 0.124 Acres (Lot B)) as Requested by Rollins Homes, LLC. [REPLAT ROLLINS.pdf](#)

Warschak gave the location of the property. Both lots exceed the 5000 square feet.

Motion to send the Rollins replat to P & Z.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

- 11. Consideration and Action to Send to Planning & Zoning a Replat of a 0.902 Acre Tract Being Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the Legion Addition of the City of Columbus into Three (3) Lots (0.161 Acres (Lot A), 0.161 Acres (Lot B) and 0.58 Acres (Remainder)) as Requested by**

Robert Turk. [REPLAT TURK.pdf](#) 

Warschak gave the location of the property listed above.

Motion to send the Turk replat to P & Z.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

- 12. Consideration and Action to Send to Planning & Zoning a Proposed Zoning Change, Specifically, a 0.631 Acre Tract in the WB Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18, from District R, Multi Family, Residential to District P, Public Building or Public Use, as Requested by**

West Oaks Church of Christ. [WEST OAKS REZONING.pdf](#) 

Warschak gave a description of the property listed above and the proposed zoning request.

Motion to send the West Oaks zoning request to P & Z.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

- 13. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Milam Street (Spur 52) from the Elementary School Playground to Walnut Street (Highway 90), and the Closure of Walnut Street (Highway 90) from Milam Street (Spur 52) to Veterans Drive on Saturday September 16, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon for the Colorado County Fair Parade.**

[FAIR PARADE STREET CLOSURE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the street closure as presented.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

14. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the July 2023 Golf Report.

[GOLF JULY 2023.pdf](#) 

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, reviewed the report with Council. They seem to be doing well, despite the heat. They did a big renovation project that included dredging the pond and modifying the pump intake. They are not requesting any funds from the City for this project. Cart shed fees have been resolved. Membership dues can still be split into two payments.

No action was required.

15. Discussion of Budget Workshop:

General fund budget discussions, as well as the tax rate.

15.1 **Proposed Property Tax Rate**

15.2 **General Fund** [GENERAL FUND.pdf](#) 

15.3 **Utility Fund** [UTILITY FUND.pdf](#) 

15.4 **Capital Projects**

16. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - Donna Culton passed away this afternoon

Ridlen - God Bless Maui

Rankin - commented on the saga of the Lowe's employee who tried to stop a shoplifter

Gobert - encouraged Council to review the maps and budget

17. Announcements

There were no announcements.

18. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Lori An Gobert, Mayor

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 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.