

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 1538 Hwy 71 S, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Richard Heffley
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	David Meisell
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser
Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Heffley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Heffley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of Invoices.**
- b. **Approval of Minutes April 9, 2009 Regular Meeting.**
- c. **Approval of March Financial Statement.**

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

4. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.ⁱⁱⁱ

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

5. Discussion of City Manager's Report including Water Aeration Project, City Hall Construction, River Status, Water Pumpage History, Economic Indicators, LCRA-SAWS Project, Sewer Plant Renovations, Police Grant Application, Swimming Pool Fill, TrashOff/Recycling Award, Recent Houston Chronicle Headlines, Storms of April 17.

City Manager, David Meisell, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes.

6. Consideration and Action to Award Bid for Mowing Parks.

The City received to mow City Park, Montezuma Park, and Midtown Park. Bids were received from Property Maintenance Service for \$645.00 per mowing. Creative Landscaping bid \$690.00 per mowing. Reliable Services bid \$725.00 per mowing. Michael Moore bid \$899.98. Councilman Richardson moved to award the bid for mowing services to Property Maintenance Service for \$645.00 per mowing. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Sale of Equipment at Auction by Duncan Auctioneers.

Mr. Meisell said the City would like to sell five vehicles, including a 2002 Ford Crown Victoriapolice car and three police forfeiture vehicles and the 1985 Ford Dump Truck, at an auction by Duncan Auctioneers on April 25, 2009 in La Grange. Councilman Tesch moved to approve the sale of five vehicles at auction. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Appoint Election Judges.

Councilman Tesch moved to appoint Fay Elliott as Election Judge for the May 9th General Election and Eddie Hernandez as Alternate Judge. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Pay Rate for Election Judges.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to set the pay rate for the Election Judges and Election Clerks at \$10.00 per hour. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

10. Discussion of March Police Report.

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, presented his March Police Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

11. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Wagner – no comment.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

12. Announcements.

There were no additional announcements.

13. Adjournment.

Mayor Heffley adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Mayor, Richard Heffley

ATTEST:

Patti Glaeser, 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.

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