

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, May 14, 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.

Councilman Axel led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of Invoices.**
- b. **Approval of Minutes April 23, 2009 Regular Meeting.**

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

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

The motion passed.

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoice from Curtiss Automotive.

Councilman Tesch moved to approve the invoice from Curtiss Automotive. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.ⁱⁱⁱ

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Change Order for City Hall Renovations for Elevator Upgrades and Miscellaneous Items.

City Manager, David Meisell, said that a change order for a new elevator was received from TSG Architects. He explained that the Mechanical Engineer wired the City Hall for 208 voltage, however the elevator could only operate on the current 240 voltage. Tim Geisheidl, architect with TSG Architects further explained that remodeling the current elevator was investigated, but given the age of the elevator and the unwillingness of elevator companies to remodel the existing elevator; estimates were received for a new elevator. He said the costs of a new elevator versus

remodeling the existing elevator were almost the same. John Sundermund and William Key from BLS Construction were also on hand to discuss the elevator change order. They explained they met with several companies and agreed a new elevator was the best solution. Councilman Tesch voiced his concern that the change order was for 10% of the original contract. He asked why this problem was not discovered before. Mr. Geisheidl said that they did not know the extent of the problem until they were able to look into it in detail and get elevator companies to give estimates. Councilman Richardson moved to approve the elevator change order for \$77,000. Councilman Wagner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Mr. Meisell also explained that in order to convert the voltage to 208, a new transformer would have to be installed at City Hall. AEP estimates this cost to be \$3,000. Councilman Richardson moved to approve a change order for a new transformer by AEP for \$3,000. Councilman Wagner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

15. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071– Consultation with Attorney Regarding Glidden Fresh Water District and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Mayor Heffley adjourned the regular meeting at 7:00 pm so the Council could go into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071- Consultation with Attorney Regarding Glidden Fresh Water District and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

16. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Glidden Fresh Water District and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Mayor Heffley reconvened the regular session at 7:40 pm. No action was taking regarding the executive session.

10. Consideration and Action to Approve Manufactured Home Permit Application as requested by Larry Alley, 920 Hancock.

Councilman Tesch moved to approve a manufactured home permit application as requested by Larry Alley at 920 Hancock. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Approve Manufactured Home Permit Application as requested by Glenda Zinnerman, 738 Bonham.

Councilman Richardson moved to approve a manufactured home permit application as requested by Glenda Zinnerman at 738 Bonham. Councilman Wagner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

Abstain: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

6. Discussion of City Manager's Report including City Hall Construction, April Revenue Results, May Sales Tax Results, Hotel Occupancy Tax, 2nd Quarter, Tree Removal, Girl Scout Hut Roof, Swimming Pool, River Status, Water Pumpage History, Economic Indicators, Sewer Plant Renovations, Sewer Rate Process for Glidden, Fire Department Windows, New Fire Apparatus, Lower Colorado Regional Planning Group Revised Population Projections.

City Manager, David Meisell, presented his City Manager's Report, which is attached to these minutes. Mayor Heffley asked about the status of the grant for the water well. Mr. Meisell will find out.

8. Public Hearing on Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for Manufactured Home Zoning.

Mayor Heffley opened the public hearing at 8:41pm. Mr. Meisell explained that there are no changes to the Manufactured Home ordinance except that it will now be located within the Zoning Ordinance. There were no comments from the public. The mayor closed the public hearing at 8:44 pm.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance # 96-09 Manufactured Home Zoning.

City Attorney, Ty Prause, said he had not looked at the ordinance, but felt comfortable with it because he had referred attorneys from Akers and Boulware-Wells to produce the ordinance. Councilman Wagner moved to approve Ordinance #96-09 Manufactured Home Zoning, which bring the Manufactured Home Ordinance into the Zoning Ordinance. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

12. Consideration and Action to Approve Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Budget Amendment.

Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC) President, Curtiss Schonenberg explained CCIDC had amended their Grant budget by \$106,000 to allow for a grant to the Columbus Little League which would allow the Little League to install new lights at the baseball fields at Montezuma Park. These new lights would allow the group to host multiple-day baseball tournaments, which in turn, would economically benefit the City. Councilman Tesch moved to approve the CCIDC Budget Amendment of \$106,000 to increase Grants, from \$36,000 to \$142,600. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

13. First Reading of Resolution #60-09, Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Funds.

Mayor Heffley read Resolution #60-09, which gives City Council support and approval of the CCIDC fund expenditure of \$116,000 for the Columbus Little League. The Resolution will be read again at the May 28, 2009 meeting and will be on the agenda for approval.

14. Consideration and Action to Approve Appointment to the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Board.

Councilman Schonenberg said that CCIDC Board, Eddie Hernandez, member had resigned and he would like the vacant position to be filled by Richard Heffley. Councilman Wagner moved that Richard Heffley be appointed to the vacated position effective upon his departure from the mayor's office on May 18, 2009. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

17. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Wagner – no comment.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg expressed his enjoyment serving with the mayor and had the utmost respect for him.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Richardson – no comment

18. Announcements.

Mr. Meisell said the agenda for the May 18th meeting has been amended to include the Gas Project, TXDOT speed limits, and a chlorination maintenance contract.

19. Adjournment.

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

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.

² Limited 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.
