

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, June 24, 2010 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	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel (Absent)
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch (Absent)
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assist. City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Utilities Superintendent	-	Wayne Karstadt

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

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 June 10, 2010 Regular Meeting.

After Council received clarification on several invoices, Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel, Tesch

The motion passed.

4. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.¹

Virgil Thompson, Sammye Gilcrease Harold, Sonjia Biddle and Doug Youngblood asked to speak on Item 12. Cindi Chollett and Megan Chollett asked to speak on Item 8.

Pamela Kallina stated that she lives a 713 Washington and wished to address Council concerning two items. First, she would like a four way stop to be put in at Washington and Prairie Streets. She said that it is needed because of the number of children who walk to the Elementary School along those streets.

Second, she wanted to inform Council about the unkempt status of the property at 700 Washington. She stated that the house there is vacant and the lot overgrown. Two neighbors have filed complaints and some mowing has occurred, but she would like the owner to finish cleaning. She told Council that she has called the City Police to the location several times because of people on the property being a nuisance. She asked if there was anything else she should do to get the City to act to get the property cleaned up. Mayor Dungen told her that coming to speak to Council was the right thing to do and that the City is moving to address the situation.

5. City Manager Report including Charter Street Water Improvements, EECBG Grant Application, Economic Indicators, Austin Street Railroad Crossing, Harris County Radio System Access Agreement, City Secretary, Fuel Bids, United Methodist Action Reach Out Mission by Youth Program, Great Southern Wood Preserving Promissory Note Information Update.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes. In addition, he stated that Mrs. Stiles has invited Council members to participate in the Children's Patriotic Parade on July 3rd.

6. Presentation of Tactical Police Equipment & Recognition of Donors.

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, presented several Columbus Police Officers wearing the tactical police equipment which was recently donated to the Police Department by Columbus State Bank, The First State Bank, Drymalla Construction and Mikeska's Bar-B-Q.

7. Introduction of new Library Director, Nancy Koehl.

Mayor Dungen introduced the new library director, Nancy Koehl.

8. Discussion & Action Regarding the United Methodist Action Reach Out Mission by Youth hosted by the First United Methodist Church of Columbus.

Cindi Chollett told Council that during July, seventy-five adults and children from the United Methodist Action Reach Out Mission by Youth (UM ARMY) will be in Columbus. They will be repairing and painting homes and doing yard work for those who are in need. They will not do any plumbing, electrical, new, or major repair work. They are asking for the support of the City and Mrs. Chollett invited everyone to stop at the various sites where they will be working to see what they are doing. Since the work they are doing does not require permits, council will not need to waive permit fees. Texas Disposal Systems is donating dumpsters for their use. She also told council that they are still looking for sites. No action was necessary.

9. Consideration and Action to Award Fuel Bid for the Period July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

Mayor Dungen told Council that one bid was received which was from Colorado County Oil for 8.5¢ over the OPIS price for both diesel and gasoline.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to award the fuel bid for the period July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 to Colorado County Oil. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel, Tesch

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to approve Resolution 74-10 Setting the Dates, Times, and Places for Public Hearings on the Proposed Annexation of Certain Property by the City of Columbus, Texas, and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Publish Notices on such Public Hearing.

Donald Warschak explained that the back portions of the old Ford Dealership garage and where Industry State Bank is building are not in the City Limits. This resolution is to set two public hearing dates so that anyone interested in this annexation can appear before Council. The two hearing dates are for July 10, 2010 and August 12, 2010.

Councilman Rankin moved to approve Resolution 74-10 setting the dates, times and places for public hearings on the proposed annexation of this property and authorizing and directing the Mayor to publish notices of such public hearings. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel, Tesch

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 75-10 Bank Depository Signators.

It was explained that the bank depository signators would be the Mayor, City Manager and Assistant City Secretary. Mayor Dungen explained that this would be a temporary change in bank depository signators and that as soon as a new City Secretary is hired that his name would be removed.

Councilman Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution 75-10 to name Bank Depository Signators. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel, Tesch

The motion passed.

12. Consideration and Action to Approve Manufactured Home Permit.

Virgil Thompson addressed Council stating that he would like to place a manufactured home at 838 Preston on lot 61. He stated that he felt that the manufactured home would be an improvement of the property. Sonja Biddle and Doug Youngblood of Fayette Country Homes explained that this would be a high-quality manufactured home and asked if Council had any questions. Councilman Schonenberg explained that the zoning ordinances of the City prohibit manufactured homes on lot 61 and that the owners would need to apply to the Board of Adjustments for a variance to that prohibition. He said that the Council could refer the permit application to the Board of Adjustments. He also explained to the owners that they would need a plat showing the placement of the home to present to the Board of Adjustments.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to refer the Manufactured Home Permit application to the Board of Adjustments. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel, Tesch

The motion passed.

13. Consideration and Action to Appoint One Member and Two Alternates to the Board of Adjustments for a Two-Year Term Ending May 31, 2012.

Mayor Dungen stated that he would like to reappoint Trey Baumgart, who is currently on the Board. He said that he would need to nominate the two alternates at a later time.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to reappoint Trey Baumgart as a member to the Board of Adjustments. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel, Tesch

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action to Appoint Two Members to the Employee Grievance Committee for a One-Year Term Ending May 31, 2011.

Mayor Dungen told Council that he would like to nominate Councilman Schonenberg and Councilman Rankin to serve on the Employee Grievance Committee.

Councilman Richardson made a motion to appoint Councilman Schonenberg and Councilman Rankin to the Employee Grievance Committee for a one-year term ending May 31, 2011. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel, Tesch

The motion passed.

15. Consideration and Action to Appoint Three Members to the Citizen's Grievance Committee for a One-Year Term Ending May 31, 2011.

Mayor Dungen recommended the following to be appointed to the Citizen's Grievance Committee: reappoint Councilman Richardson and Ernest Baumgart, Jr., and appoint Mayor Dungen.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to reappoint Councilman Richardson and Ernest Baumgart, Jr. and to appoint Mayor Dungen to the Citizen's Grievance Committee for a one-year term ending May 31, 2011. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Absent: Councilman Axel, Tesch

The motion passed.

16. Consideration and Action to make an application for the Main Street Program.

Mayor Dungen told Council that this item was placed on the agenda to give them information on the Main Street Program which is designed to revitalize historic downtown business districts. He stated that the Chamber of Commerce and CCIDC had received information about the program and thought that it might be something the City would want to consider in the future. City Manager, Donald Warschak, said that the deadline for applying for next year's program is July 31st. Councilman Schonenberg pointed out that the program requires the City to hire a full-time staff person.

No action was necessary.

17. Discussion and Action Regarding May Police Report.

Police Chief Jackson presented his report of May Police Activity. No action was taken.

18. Consideration and Action Regarding CCIDC Minutes.

Mayor Dungen stated that this item was on the agenda to keep Council informed about what CCIDC is doing and asked if there were any questions. Councilman Schonenberg told Council that CCIDC had met on Monday with its new and reappointed members and that there are still some promising people showing interest in the industrial park.

No action was necessary.

19. Discussion and Action Regarding Dates for the 2011 Budget Workshops.

A discussion took place concerning convenient dates for 2011 budget workshop meetings. Council in general expressed an interest in starting the process earlier than last year. It was suggested that the meetings start July 21st with one per week thereafter until the budget is complete.

No action was necessary.

20. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

Councilman Axel – absent.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Tesch – absent.

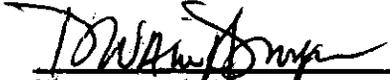
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

21. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

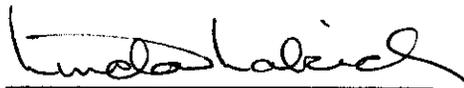
22. Adjournment.

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Duggen

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, Assist. 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.