

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, June 9, 2011 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	-	Steve Woodall
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

City Attorney	-	Pat Gillespie
Public Works Director	-	Michael Poncik
Utilities Director	-	Jody Ripper
Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 May 26, 2011 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of April 2011 Financials.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Consideration and action on approval of Curtiss Automotive invoices.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve the invoices from Curtiss Automotive. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Tesch, and Rankin

Abstain: Councilman Schonenberg

The motion passed.

5. Citizen's presentation and comments.¹

All of the citizens who signed in to speak wanted to do so when further agenda items came up.

6. City Manager Report.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes. He informed Council that sales tax received in June of this year was \$79,681.35 compared to \$78,321.87 last June.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of Spring Street From Travis Street to Milam Street and Travis Street from Spring Street to Walnut Street for a Children's Patriotic Parade sponsored by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, July 2, 2011 from 8:30 am until 10:30 am.

Nancy Stiles asked Council to join in the George Fox Memorial Parade again this year on July 2nd. She asked that the parade route be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. She said that in addition to the parade that the Chamber is asking everyone to fly the flag from June 14th which is Flag Day until July 4th. She also explained that the Chamber is working with the City Manager and Fire Marshal on the fireworks display at the Fair Grounds. She said that they realize that because of the extremely dry conditions that they may not be able to have the fireworks display. She said that they are working with the fireworks sponsor, HEB, who will supply funding for other activities.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve closure of Spring Street from Travis Street to Milam Street and Travis Street from Spring Street to Walnut Street for a Children's Patriotic Parade sponsored by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, July 2, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 93-11 Approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, told Council that this is an update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He explained that all of the members in the Texas Colorado River Flood Plain Coalition must approve this update for it to go into effect. He also explained that the plan must be in effect for the City to receive FEMA money in the case of a disaster.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve Resolution 93-11 Approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 94-11 authorizing the award of Contract for Administration Services and Soft Cost Project Management Services for the Homeowner Occupied Housing Assistance Program.

Donna Johnson & Shirleen Bonacci with GrantWorks, Inc. were at the meeting to answer any questions. Donald Warschak explained that he had sent out requests for proposals for the management of the HOME Program which was approved earlier. GrantWorks, Inc. was the only proposal received. He told Council that they have managed other grants for the City and that they have managed the HOME programs in other cities.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve Resolution 94-11 authorizing the award of the Contract for administration services and soft cost project management services for the Homeowner Occupied Housing Assistance program to GrantWorks, Inc. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to approve authorization to advertise for bids for the drilling of Water Well #9 funded thru the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, Grant #729161.

David Sheblok with John D. Mercer & Associates told Council that the design plans for the Water Well #9 are currently with TCEQ for approval. He said that in the mean time that they would like to advertise for bids for the well so that Council will be able to award the contract for drilling by the first meeting in July, and they will be able to get construction under way.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve authorization to advertise for bids for the drilling of Water Well #9 funded thru the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, Grant #729161. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed

11. Consideration and Action to reappoint John D. Mercer & Associates as City Engineer for a term of two years ending May 31, 2013.

The mayor recommended the reappointment of John D. Mercer & Associates as City Engineer for a term of two years ending May 31, 2013. Councilman Rankin so moved. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch and Rankin

The motion passed

12. Consideration and Action to appoint Ford Stein as City Fire Marshal for a term of two years ending May 31, 2013.

The mayor recommended the appointment of Ford Stein as City Fire Marshal for a term of two years ending May 31, 2013. Councilman Axel so moved. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

13. Consideration and Action to reappoint Leonard Peters as Municipal Court Judge and Francis Truchard as Associate Municipal Court Judge for terms of two years ending May 31, 2013.

The mayor recommended the reappointment of Leonard Peters as Municipal Court Judge and Francis Truchard as Associate Municipal Court Judge for terms of two years ending May 31, 2013. Councilman Axel so moved. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action to reappoint Pat Gillespie as City Attorney for a term of two years ending May 31, 2013.

The mayor recommended the reappointment of Pat Gillespie as City Attorney for a term of two years ending May 31, 2013. Councilman Tesch so moved. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

15. Consideration and Action to reappoint Lori An Gobert, Matt Sprague and Elizabeth Flint as members and to appoint one additional member to the Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp. for terms of two years ending May 31, 2013.

The mayor recommended the reappointment of Lori An Gobert, Matt Sprague, Elizabeth Flint and Curtiss Schonenberg to the board of the Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp. for terms of two years ending May 31, 2013. Councilman Rankin so moved. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

16. Consideration and Action to appoint two members to the Employee Grievance Committee for terms of one year ending May 31, 2012.

The mayor recommended the reappointment of Curtiss Schonenberg and Chuck Rankin to the Employee Grievance Committee for terms of one year ending May 31, 2012. Councilman Tesch so moved. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

17. Consideration and Action to reappoint Ernest Baumgart, Jr. as member and to appoint two additional members to the Citizen's Grievance Committee for terms of one year ending May 31, 2012.

The mayor recommended the reappointment of Ernest Baumgart, Jr. and Dwain Dungen and the appointment of Steve Woodall to the Citizen's Grievance Committee for terms of one year ending May 31, 2012. Councilman Axel so moved. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

18. Consideration and Action to reappoint Annie Mae Hargrove, Mary Ellen Prause and Chris Arthur to the Planning and Zoning Commission for terms of two years ending December 31, 2012.

The mayor recommended the reappointment of Annie Mae Hargrove, Mary Ellen Prause and Chris Arthur to the Planning and Zoning Commission for terms of two years ending December 31, 2012. Councilman Axel so moved. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

19. Consideration and Action to reappoint Modina Mangini, Belinda Hastedt, Rita Ruffeno and Patti Hill to the Board of Adjustments for terms of two years ending May 31, 2013.

The mayor recommended the reappointment of Modina Mangini, Belinda Hastedt, Rita Ruffeno and Patti Hill to the Board of Adjustments for terms of two years ending May 31, 2013. Councilman Schonenberg so moved. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

20. Discussion and Action to set School Zone speed limits.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, told Council that Police Chief, Danny Jackson, was recommending a 20 mph speed limit in the school zones. The times for schools zones will be the same as those already in effect at the various schools. Councilman Tesch asked to add the blocks of Live Oak and Bowie Streets just north of Washington Street to those included in the school zones. City Attorney, Pat Gillespie, said that could be done when the speed limits are set.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to set the speed limits at 20 mph in the school zones as presented with the addition to the school zones of the blocks north of Washington St. on Live Oak and Bowie Streets. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

21. Discussion and Action if necessary on April 2011 Police Report.

Police Chief Danny Jackson presented the April 2011 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. In addition he said that Michael Krenek had been promoted to Lieutenant, Tomas Ramirez to Master Sergeant (Detective) and Will Raabe to Patrol Sergeant.

No action was taken.

22. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – nothing.

Councilman Axel – thanked the City Staff for their work.

Councilman Schonenberg – asked when budgeting would start. He was told that a schedule would be brought to the next Council meeting.

Councilman Tesch – welcomed Councilman Woodall.

Councilman Rankin – nothing.

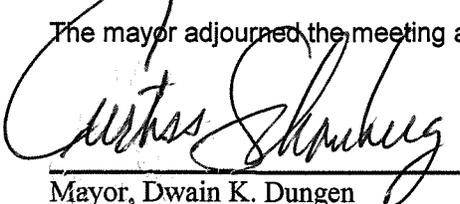
Mayor Dungen – nothing.

23. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

20. Adjournment.

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:15p.m.


Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen


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ATTEST:


Linda Lakich, 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.