

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, June 23, 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 (absent)
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
Code Enforcement	-	Ford Stein
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro-tem Curtiss Schonenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Pro-tem Curtiss Schonenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of invoices.
- b. Approval of minutes of June 9, 2011 Regular Meeting

After clarification of some invoices, Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. 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.

5. Special recognition of Police Officers.

Columbus Police Officers Michael Krenek, Gary Ashford, Lee Phillips, and Tomas Ramirez were presented certificates in honor of their outstanding work involving the homicide that occurred on May 23rd.

6. City Manager Report.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes. In addition he reported that water usage is averaging 1.3 million gallons per day which represents 56% of capacity.

Mayor Pro-tem Schonenberg moved to Item #11 on the agenda.

11. Discussion and Action to approve right of entry agreement letter with Time Warner Entertainment to install equipment at the Cardinal Hill Water Tower to serve Internet America.

Ryan Cash with Internet America was available to answer any questions regarding the agreements in this item and in Item 12. Donald Warschak explained that Internet America has their equipment on Cardinal

Tower and that they want to upgrade the equipment. Time Warner will be providing circuits to increase the bandwidth. Because of the investment they would like to have a five year contract. Internet America will continue to provide free internet service to City facilities.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the right of entry agreement letter with Time Warner Entertainment to install equipment at the Cardinal Hill Water Tower to serve Internet America. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

12. Discussion and Action to approve a Reciprocal Service Agreement with Internet America to install and maintain internet equipment on the Cardinal Hill Water Tower.

After questions for City Attorney, Pat Gillespie, regarding agreement termination requirements, Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve a reciprocal service agreement with Internet America to install and maintain internet equipment on the Cardinal Hill Water Tower. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Mayor Pro-tem moved back to Item #7.

7. Discussion and Action to award fuel bid for the period July 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011.

The only fuel bid received was from Colorado County Oil for \$.10 over OPIS price.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to award the fuel bid to Colorado County Oil for the period from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Discussion and Action to approve changes to the storage agreement with Twin Oaks Ranch for the storage of the 1938 Fire Truck.

It was explained that Mr. Thomas's representative wanted to add a section in the agreement to state that the city would be responsible for insurance in case the truck was damaged or destroyed. Councilman Tesch said that he wanted to redo the whole contract. He stated that he also thought that there needed to be a statement that any maintenance would be approved by the Fire Chief. Councilman Woodall said that he thought that there should be a hold harmless clause included to protect the City from damage that the truck might cause. Councilman Tesch stated that he also thought that there should be a clause stating that the truck would be stored at Twin Oaks Ranch and that any change in the location of the vehicle would require prior approval by the Fire Chief. City Attorney, Pat Gillespie, said that she could make those changes.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to table approval of the changes to the storage agreement with Twin Oaks Ranch for the storage of the 1938 Fire Truck. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Discussion and Action on adopting school zones for the City of Columbus.

Donald Warschak explained this agenda item was to add the two blocks on Bowie and Live Oak from Spring to Washington as previously discussed and as outlined in Ordinance 121-11.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to adopt school zones as changed in section 12.02.003 of proposed ordinance 121-11. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Discussion and Action to approve Ordinance #121-11 setting School Zone speed limits.

Donald Warschak stated that the school zone speed limits included in the ordinance is 20 mph.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve ordinance #121-11 Setting School Zone Speed Limits. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed

13. Discussion and Action regarding Planning & Zoning recommendation regarding a request to allow a business into the Industrial Park on Tracts H & F, as mentioned in Sec. 14.02.732(17)(EE) of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances.

Donald Warschak explained that an oil field fabrication business is interested in building a facility in the Industrial Park. Because fabrication facilities are on the list of businesses which must have a Planning and Zoning Board recommendation to be allowed into the Park, they discussed the business at their meeting on the prior evening. Planning and Zoning had no objection to the proposed facility and voted unanimously to recommend to Council to allow the fabrication facility into the Industrial Park.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the request to allow the proposed fabrication facility in the Industrial Park. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed

Councilman Rankin expressed his appreciation for all of the work done by CCIDC and especially Lori An Gorbett.

14. Discussion and Action to Approve Closure of the east side of Travis Street from in front of the Mayes Hotel north to Walnut Street on July 6-8 from 7am to 6pm and on July 11-13 from 7am to 6pm as requested by Gerald Heintschel for demolishing the Mayes Hotel property.

Mr. Heintschel contacted Ford Stein asking for the closure because during the demolition of the above property he is not sure which way the buildings will fall. He wants to have additional room for the necessary equipment in front of the hotel.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the street closure as stated. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed

15. Discussion and Action if necessary on May 2011 Police Report.

Chief Danny Jackson presented the May 2011 Police Report. Councilman Woodall asked Chief Jackson about the cases pending. He asked for statistics about these cases.

No action was taken.

16. Discussion and Action if necessary on Code Enforcement/Inspection Report.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein presented his Code Enforcement/Inspection Report. Councilman Rankin asked Ford to put together a schedule for fire inspections at schools.

No action was taken.

17. Discussion and Action regarding dates for 2012 Budget Workshops.

With the budget process beginning soon, Council was asked what days of the week were most convenient to meet.

No action was taken.

18. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – nothing.

Councilman Axel – nothing.

Councilman Schonenberg – nothing.

Councilman Tesch – nothing.

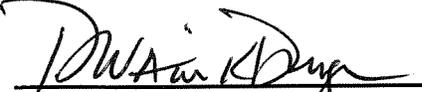
Councilman Rankin – nothing.

19. Announcements.

Council was asked to let the City Secretary know if they would rather receive council agenda packets via email. Donald Warschak stated that he was getting someone to look at the Council Room sound system.

20. Adjournment.

The mayor pro-tem adjourned the meeting at 7:37p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

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.