

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, August 11, 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:

Utilities Director	-	Jody Ripper
Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Public Works Director	-	Michael Poncik
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser
Assist. City Secretary	-	Kayla Duncan

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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 July 21, 2011 Special Meeting.
- c. Approval of minutes of July 28, 2011 Regular Meeting.
- d. Approval of June 2011 Financial Statements.
- e. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report of Quarter Ended June 30, 2011.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Citizen's presentations and comments.¹

The citizen who signed in to speak wanted to do so when later agenda items came up.

6. City Manager's 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 August of this year was \$115,530.34 compared to \$102,013.89 last August.

7. Consideration and Action to appoint Kayla Duncan as Municipal Court Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Dungen explained that the Assistant City Secretary traditionally also serves as the Deputy Clerk for Municipal Court.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to appoint Kayla Duncan as Municipal Court Deputy Clerk. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 consultation with attorney – HOTELS.com.

Mayor Dungen adjourned the regular session to enter into executive session at 6:40 pm.

9. Reconvene into Regular Session and consideration and action, if any, regarding Executive Session: HOTELS.com.

Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session at 6:50 pm with the same members present. He explained that Council had been updated by counsel on the progress of a suit involving HOTELS.com. No action was taken.

10. Consideration and Action to Approve Industry State Bank Renewal Option as the Depository until September 30, 2012.

Mayor Dungen explained that management wished to exercise the renewal option available with Industry State Bank.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the renewal option to keep Industry State Bank as the City's depository until September 30, 2012. 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 award seal coat bid.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, told Council that bids for 2011 Street Improvements were received and opened on August 4th and that only one bid from H&C Construction was received. The bid was for \$69,230 and an additional \$16,100 for the alternate item of seal coating North Oak Street. He said that the City has worked with H&C previously and based on past experience that he would recommend awarding the bid to H&C Construction. Councilman Rankin asked that a budget amendment for the alternate item be placed on a future Council agenda.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve awarding the bid for seal coating for the base and alternate item to H&C Construction. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

12. Consideration and Action regarding the current water treatment process.

Donald Warschak explained that the City uses well water and that the water has iron in it at a high enough level that the water must be treated. The City uses polyphosphates as a sequestering agent to keep the iron in solution in the water so that it does not oxidize. The polyphosphates also act as a cleaning agent removing oxidized iron already present in the water pipes in the delivery system. Steve Smith with NAPCO Chemicals said that the City is currently using the best product they have. He said that after receiving complaints about the water quality, NAPCO did tests and found that the iron and manganese levels at Councilman Tesch's house were above acceptable levels. His opinion is that the high levels are a result of the cleaning effect that the polyphosphates have on the water lines. He is going to try cutting back on the polyphosphate levels added in an attempt to cut back on the cleaning. He may also add a corrosion inhibitor. He said that NAPCO will then retest the water. Mayor Dungen stated that Council would like NAPCO to keep trying until the water quality is improved. Councilman Rankin asked for a quarterly report. The NAPCO representative said that they will be more involved in the future and that they will test the water when requested.

No action was taken.

13. Consideration and Action to Approve closure of Live Oak Street, from Martin Luther King to Dewees Street from 8:00 am until 6 pm Saturday, August 20, 2011 for the 7th Annual St. Paul United Methodist Church Fun Festival in the Park.

Sharonda Lettries who is the Youth Director with St. Paul United Methodist Church addressed Council explaining that they would like to have the street closed from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. and that they would like to have the lights on until 9 pm. She extended an invitation for everyone present to attend. They will be giving out school supplies and there will be activities for children.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the closure of Live Oak Street from Martin Luther King to Dewees Street from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm on August 20, 2011 for the St. Paul United Methodist Church Fun Festival. 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 Approve a Budget Amendment for the Fire Department expenditure for repairs to the Fire Station Roof.

Donald Warschak explained that this work was budgeted for the current year but that the cost of the needed repairs is \$4,500 more than originally budgeted.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve the increase in the budget for the Fire Department Fire Station Roof. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

15. Consideration and Action to Approve a Budget Amendment for the Fire Department expenditure for replacement tires for the tanker truck.

Mayor Dungen told Council that the tires that are on the truck are seventeen years old that one had a blow out on a call recently. The Fire Department would like to replace them all at a cost of \$2,900.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve a budget amendment to increase Fire Department vehicle repairs by \$2,900. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

16. Consideration and Action to Approve a Budget Amendment for the Nesbitt Memorial Library expenditure for the Archive Room Fire System.

Donald Warschak said that the budget amendment for an increase in Library building maintenance for \$4,500 is actually one half of the cost of recharging the fire system in the archive room. The other half is being paid by the Library Foundation. He said that in addition to recharging the system that the sensors will be cleaned and some replaced. Councilman Tesch asked that additional training on the use of the system be given to the library staff.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve a budget amendment to the Library Building Maintenance account for \$4,500 to charge and repair the Archive Room Fire System. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

17. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – nothing.

Councilman Axel – nothing.

Councilman Schonenberg – nothing.

Councilman Tesch – nothing.

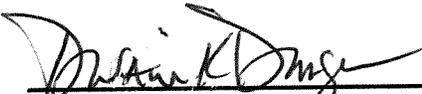
Councilman Rankin – nothing.

18. Announcements.

Donald Warschak announced that there would be a Budget Workshop on Monday morning August 15th at 8:00 a.m.

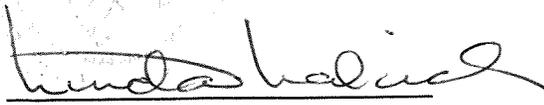
19. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:36p.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.