

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 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
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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. Grievance Hearing Granted per Request by Danny L. Jackson.

Mayor Dungen explained that the meeting was requested by former Police Chief Danny Jackson to appeal his termination as Columbus Police Chief. He also explained that Mr. Jackson's character was not an issue with council and then gave the floor to Mr. Jackson. Ron Frank explained that he was Mr. Jackson's attorney and that he would speak on his behalf. He presented Mr. Jackson's request to be reinstated saying that he had not been terminated for just cause and that procedures had not been followed.

4. Discussion and Action Regarding Decision on the Grievance Hearing.

Mayor Dungen stated that Council could either choose to reverse or to uphold the City Manager's decision to terminate Mr. Jackson.

Councilman Axel made a motion to reinstate Mr. Jackson as Police Chief. There was no second and the motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to table any action so that Council could further consider the matter. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. Mayor Dungen asked for any discussion, and there was none. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall and Axel

Noes: Councilman Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion failed.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to uphold the City Manager's decision to terminate Mr. Jackson. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. Mayor Dungen asked for any further discussion.

Councilman Axel stated that he had read the City Policy and that he was against this because policies had not been followed. He said that he could not do anything other than what he was doing at the meeting that night. City Attorney Pat Gillespie said that procedures were not followed but that because an emergency situation existed, they did not need to do so. Councilman Woodall said that

he wanted to treat not only Mr. Jackson fairly but also the City. With no further discussion the vote on the motion to uphold the City Manager's decision to terminate Danny Jackson was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, City Secretary