

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, June 28, 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 (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Acting Police Chief	-	Tomas Ramirez
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser
City Attorney	-	Pat Gillespie

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 June 14, 2012 Special Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of May 2012 Financial Statements.

Councilman Rankin asked for clarification on an invoice paid to The Paradigm Alliance which was for a gas safety mailing to area customers. He also asked for more information on the Hotel Occupancy Tax revenues and expenditures.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from B&D Graphics.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the invoices from B&D Graphics. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Those who signed up for Citizens' comments wish to participate during agenda item 12 – Historic District Public Hearing.

6. City Manager's Report including Cardinal Hill Water Plant Well, 2012 Street Improvements, and HOME Grant.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

7. Consideration and Action to Award Fuel Bid for July 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2012.

The only bid received was from Colorado County Oil which currently supplies fuel to the City. The bid was for the same price as the City is currently paying. Councilman Rankin expressed concern that there was only one bid. City Secretary, Linda Lakich told Council that the City would explore ways to obtain greater participation.

Councilman Woodall arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to award the fuel bid for July 1 through December 31, 2012 to Colorado County Oil. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Award Bid for Concrete Containment Basin-Fuel Island at Maintenance Center.

Donald Warschak said that this bid is for the containment basin at the maintenance yard fuel island. The new fuel island was part of the budget for the current year. The only bid received was from Glueck Concrete, Inc. Donald told Council that with this bid he thought the total for the fuel island remodel would still be within the \$30,000 originally budgeted.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to award the bid for the concrete containment basin at the City fuel island to Glueck Concrete, Inc. for \$9,628.00. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation of 2.066 Acres of Land in the E. Tumlinson League, Abstract No. 44 Colorado County, Texas.

Mayor Dungen opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to address Council concerning the annexation. No one wished to do so. Mayor Dungen closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

10. Consideration and Action Concerning Parking in the 500 Block of Spring Street

Mayor Dungen explained that Jennifer Newman, the owner of Creation Station, spoke at the last council meeting about her concerns with parking in front of her business. She had asked that Council limit parking in front of her business to only those connected with her business, and that delivery trucks not be allowed to make deliveries during business hours. Mayor Dungen explained that Council wanted to address her concerns and that parking in the downtown district is limited and that it did not seem practical

to limit parking to only customers of each individual business. Councilman Rankin said that the problem should be addressed with all of the businesses in the area.

No action was taken.

11. First Reading of Resolution 105-12 a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations, with Less than 20,000 Residents for the Real Estate Transaction between Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp. and Ekabel Projekts.

Mayor Dungen read Resolution 105-12.

12. Public Hearing Regarding Historic District.

Mayor Dungen opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

City Attorney, Pat Gillespie, said that she had made a revised draft of a proposed ordinance available to Council and that she would like to address several comments that Councilman Rankin had given her concerning the proposal. Councilman Rankin's comments included that he thought that 9 members on the Historic Preservation Board would be too many, that only including pre-1910 properties left out a lot of historic ones, and that he thought that since members of the board serve at Council's pleasure that Council should be able to be removed members from the Board even without cause. Councilman Schonenberg asked that the qualifications for Board membership be changed to property owners rather than residents.

Laura Ann Rau told Council that the project is very difficult. She said that she did not think that the current proposal would work because it was designed for larger cities.

Roger Wade said that his concerns with the proposed ordinance were the pre-1910 inclusion date, the restriction on board members of city residency, and that in many places the word property had been changed to historic building. He said that he would like to see the question of what will be built where the Mayes Hotel was torn down addressed.

Elizabeth Flint said that she thought Columbus needs a less restrictive ordinance. She suggested that people look at the Fredericksburg ordinance.

Mayor Dungen explained that there was still a lot of work to be done on the ordinance.

Mayor Dungen closed the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

13. Consideration and Action to Regarding Historic District.

No action was taken.

14. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the May 2012 Police Report.

Acting Police Chief, Tomas Ramirez, presented his May 2012 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

15. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – asked for an update on the status of unsafe buildings.

Mayor Dungen – no comment.

16. Announcements.²

The City Secretary announced that there would be a special Council Meeting on July 3rd concerning the CDBG grant. It was also announced that the July 4th parade line up would begin at 5:00 p.m.

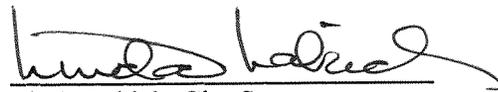
17. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.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.