

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, September 13, 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 (arrived 6:40 p.m.)
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Steve Woodall
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch (absent)
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein
Utilities Supervisor	-	Jody Ripper

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtiss Schonenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2012 Special Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2012 Regular Meeting

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report including Sales Tax, 2012 Street Improvements, and Fuel Island.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He reported that sales tax revenues were up almost \$6,000 over last year in September.

Mayor Dungen arrived at 6:40 p.m. He moved to item number 16.

16. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 – Consultation with City Attorney-Personnel Matters.

Mayor Dungen closed the regular session to enter executive session at 6:41 p.m.

17. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Consultation with City Attorney-Personnel Matters.

Mayor Dungen reopened the regular session at 6:50 p.m. with the same Council members present. He explained that Council had authorized the City Attorney to respond to a personnel matter and that no action was necessary.

Mayor Dungen moved to item number 6 on the agenda.

6. Consideration and Action to Approve a Partial Street Closure of Montezuma Street from Legion Circle to Cardinal Lane on November 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the Columbus Elementary PTO Fun Run.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, explained to Council that, since Montezuma is not a wide street, he and Acting Police Chief, Tomas Ramirez, thought that it would be best to have traffic control and a partial closure on Montezuma for the planned fun run.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve a partial street closure of Montezuma Street from Legion Circle to Cardinal Lane on November 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the Columbus Elementary PTO Fun Run. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action to Ratify Budgeted Property Tax Increase Reflected in the 2012-2013 Budget.

Councilman Axel made a motion to ratify the budgeted property tax increase as reflected in the 2012-2013 budget. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance No. 138-12 to Establish the Property Tax Rate of \$0.27312.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.27312, which is effectively a 1.18 percent increase in the tax rate and to approve Ordinance No. 138-12. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Woodall: Aye
Councilman Axel: Aye
Councilman Schonenberg: Aye
Councilman Tesch: Absent
Councilman Rankin: Aye

The motion passed.

The maintenance and operations rate is \$0.23626 per \$100 valuation and the debt service rate is \$0.03686 per \$100 valuation.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance No. 139-12 to Establish Garbage Rates.

City Secretary, Linda Lakich, explained that the ordinance reflected the changes as discussed in budget workshops, which are due to the scheduled increases per the City's contract with Texas Disposal Systems. The cost of a residential cart will increase \$1.10 per month.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 139-12 to establish garbage rates. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Enter the City of Columbus into a Contract for Public Services with Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Councilman Axel made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter the City of Columbus into a Contract for Public Services with Family Crisis Center, Inc. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Enter the City of Columbus into a Contract for Public Services with Combined Community Action, Inc.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter the City of Columbus into a contract for public services with Combined Community Action, Inc. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

12. Consideration and Action to Award Bid for Bank Depository.

Linda Lakich explained to Council that the City received three bids from local banks. She said that the best rate on certificates of deposit was offered by Industry State Bank with a minimum rate of 1.57%. She told Council that Industry State Bank is also the City's current bank depository.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to award the City's depository bid to Industry State Bank. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

13. Consideration and Action to Approve Additional Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund Grant 2011-2012 – Columbus Chamber of Commerce/Columbus Folk Fest.

Mayor Dungen told Council that this is an additional request for the Columbus Folk Fest over the \$15,000 that has already been approved by Council. He explained that there is only \$6,961 available in the HOT budget for the current year. Councilman Rankin suggested that the City award them the additional \$6,961 and the encourage them to apply for the 2012-2013 HOT grants.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve an additional HOT grant for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Folk Fest in the amount of \$6,961. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action Regarding KW International Building Permit.

Donald Warschak explained to Council that when the Columbus Community and Industrial Development (CCIDC) Board was negotiating with KW International, that the Board had indicated that the City would work with KWI on the building and other required City permits. He said that the building permit was estimated to be \$23,920, and asked Council if they wished to waive the permit fee.

Mayor Dungen said that the CCIDC's purpose is to provide incentives to businesses coming into the City, and that he thought that they should reimburse the City for the permit expenses.

Councilman Axel made a motion to table the item and send it to CCIDC for consideration. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

15. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 110-12, a Resolution Designating a Representative and Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly for 2013.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve Resolution 110-12 appointing Dwain Dungen as Representative and Curtiss Schonenberg as Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Mayor Dungen moved to item number 18.

18. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the August 2012 Code Enforcement/Inspection Report.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, presented his August 2012 Code Enforcement/Inspection Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

19. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – remarked that he had been talking with local groups about the Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue. He stated that he would like to see long term planning done for how to best use the HOT grant dollars.

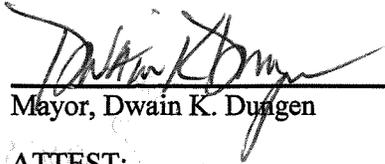
Mayor Dungen – no comment.

20. Announcements.²

Donald Warschak told Council that Johnny Kubicek who was a City retiree had passed away and that there would be a Rosary on Friday and funeral on Saturday.

21. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:17 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.

