

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, January 10, 2013 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:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Code Enforcement Of.	-	Ford Stein
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser

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 December 13, 2012 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of December 27, 2012 Regular Meeting.
- d. Approval of November 2012 Financial Statements.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

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

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

6. City Manager's Report including Sales Tax, Sewer Averaging, TxDOT Sidewalk Project, and Cardinal Hill Elevated Storage Tank Project.

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

7. Consideration and Action Regarding Presentation from Bus Shield.

Mayor Dungen explained that representatives from Bus Shield had asked to make a presentation to Council. Those representatives were not at the meeting. No action was necessary.

8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report to Council.

Fire Chief, Walter Glaeser, presented the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Report to Council, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He told Council that landing zones established are included in the motor vehicle accident totals. A discussion followed of the City's insurance rating and what would need to be done to improve it. Ford Stein told Council that the issues in the past have been a need for elevated water supply at fires, the lack of fire inspections, and a lack of water supply. He said that he would look into what would be necessary to increase the City's rating.

No action was necessary.

9. Consideration and Action to Authorize the Submission of an Application for H-GAC Criminal Justice Grant – Juvenile Services.

Mayor Dungen explained that this would be a resubmission of last year's application for the HAND Counseling Center. Joel Usher was present to answer Council questions. He reminded Council that this grant did not require matching funds from the City.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to authorize the submission of an application for an H-GAC Criminal Justice Grant for the HAND Counseling Center. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Approve Engagement Letter from Pattillo, Brown & Hill for the September 30, 2012 Audit.

City Secretary, Linda Lakich, explained that Pattillo, Brown & Hill conducted the September 30, 2011 audit for the City and that she was pleased with their work. She said that she would recommend approval of the engagement letter.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the engagement letter from Pattillo, Brown & Hill for the September 30, 2012 Audit. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Annexation of 4.23 Acres of Land in the E. Tumlinson Survey, Abstract No. 44, Colorado County, Texas.

Mayor Dungen opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

He asked if there was any public comment on the annexation. There was none.

Mayor Dungen closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

12. Consideration and Action to Approve the Publicity and Tourism Agreement between the City of Columbus and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Mayor Dungen said that the contract was necessary because the Chamber of Commerce runs the Visitors' Center for the City. He also said that the amount to be paid to the Chamber was for administrative costs for the Visitors' Center.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the publicity and tourism agreement between the City and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Inc. as presented. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

13. Consideration and Action to Approve Schedule for City Council Meetings for February 2013.

Mayor Dungen explained that the first meeting in February falls on Valentine's Day. He asked if Council would like to reschedule that meeting for Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6:30.

Councilman Axel made a motion to move the first regular City Council Meeting in February to the seventh at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the December 2012 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, presented his December 2012 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached. He also told Council that he had done some research on Health Inspections for food establishments. He said that a four year degree was required along with additional training to conduct those inspections, so he would not be able to do them. Councilman Tesch suggested that he explore having someone from the State conduct the inspections with Ford going along.

No action was necessary.

15. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – told Council that CCIDC closed with Ekabel and that there were a few more good prospects at the Industrial Park.

Councilman Tesch – asked that the City send get well wishes to State Trooper Troy Clark.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

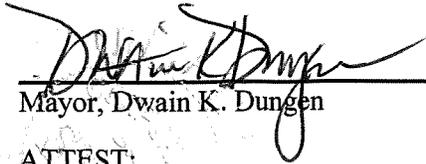
Mayor Dungen – reminded everyone of the march to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 21st at 9 a.m. beginning at MidTown Park. He also said that there would be a meeting to discuss the East River Bridge on January 22nd at the Opera House.

16. Announcements.²

Police Chief Lattimore announced the Harris County Junior Posse would be at the Courthouse Square on January 12th.

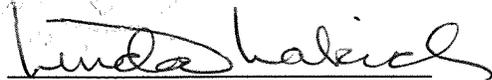
17. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 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.