

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, May 23, 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
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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. Administer the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials.**

City Secretary, Linda Lakich, administered the Oath of Office to newly reelected Councilmen Steve Woodall and John Axel and Mayor Dwain Dungen.

**4. Consideration and Action to Appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.**

Councilman Rankin made a motion to reappoint Councilman Curtiss Schonenberg Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**5. Consent Agenda.**

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2013 Regular Meeting.

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.

**6. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

All of the citizens who signed up wished to speak at a later agenda item.

**7. City Manager's Report including 2012 Water System Improvements, Cardinal Hill Elevated Storage Tank, 2013 Street Improvements, and HOME Grant Project.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. In addition, he reported that a representative from the Governor's office would meet with City representatives concerning the gas line project grant in the near future.

**8. Consideration and Action Regarding Space on Cardinal Hill Water Tower for Communication Equipment for Colorado Valley Communications.**

Donald Warschak told Council that they had a proposed contract with Colorado Valley Communications. He said that this is a company out of La Grange which would like to put a LTE band wireless internet tower on the City's Cardinal Hill water tower. He said that the City Attorney had reviewed the contract and that as a concession that the company had offered to provide fixed location internet service to the City. Since the City already has internet service provided at no cost by Internet America, Donald said that he had asked that they provide mobile internet access for the police vehicles instead. Donald verified that the term of the contract was five years and that there was an escape clause for the City.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with Colorado Valley Communications for space on the Cardinal Hill Water Tower as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**9. Consideration and Action to Accept the Resignation of Councilman Bruce Tesch as of June 27, 2013.**

Mayor Dungen explained that Councilman Tesch is moving outside the city limits. When that happens he will no longer meet the residency requirement for City Council. Councilman Tesch presented the City with a letter of resignation effective June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**10. Consideration and Action to Create a Kathy Burris Memorial.**

Mayor Dungen explained that Councilman Tesch had asked that this item be added to the agenda. The Mayor said that council would like to recognize all of the work that Kathy did for the City especially at the swimming pool. He asked for suggestions and explained that the swimming pool itself is already a memorial to World War II veterans. Kimi Burris said that the family would be honored to have a tree planted in Kathy's memory since she loved nature. Councilman Rankin said that he thought that there should also be a plaque so that there is something permanent. Councilman Tesch agreed and said that he would work on some ideas.

No action was taken.

**11. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property.**

Mayor Dungen closed the regular session to enter into executive session at 6:55 p.m.

**12. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Deliberations about Real Property.**

Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session at 7:08 p.m. with the same members present as before.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to authorize Mayor Dungen to continue with negotiations concerning the real property discussed in executive session. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**13. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the April 2013 Police Report.**

Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, presented the April 2013 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. In addition he told council that he had been working with the school district to extend the safety zone around schools where no alcohol can be served from 300 feet to 1,000 feet.

No action was necessary.

**14. Items from Councilmembers.<sup>2</sup>**

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Councilmen Woodall and Axel.

Councilman Tesch – explained that he would still be available to Council after he moves. He also expressed his thanks to all.

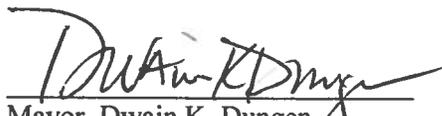
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

**15. Announcements.<sup>2</sup>**

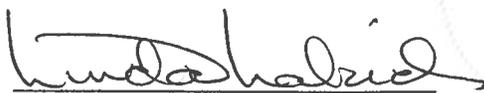
Donald announced that there would be an unveiling of a historical marker at the Prairie Street Heritage House on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Tesch also announced that the Fire Department Golf Tournament would be on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**16. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Lakich, City Secretary



<sup>1</sup>During 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.

<sup>2</sup>Limited 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.

