

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, October 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	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein

**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 September 26, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of August 2013 Financial Statements

After clarification on several invoices, 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, Hernandez, and Rankin

The motion passed.

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

There were no citizens' presentations or comments at this time.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Cardinal Hill Water Tower, 2012 Water System Improvements, and 2013 Street Improvements.**

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

**6. Presentation by BEFCO Engineering and Action, if necessary, Regarding Downtown Sidewalk Project.**

Bradley Loehr with BEFCO Engineering gave a presentation regarding the Downtown Sidewalk Project. He said that one of the property owners' biggest concerns appears to be that the sidewalk will be a large expanse of white concrete. He presented color and texture options for the sidewalks and the additional costs associated with them. Donald Warschak suggested that the alternate finishes could be bid as add-ons. Mayor Dungen suggested that they get additional input from the owners about the finishes and the costs. He also said that another meeting should be scheduled for the property owners to attend. After further discussion of the costs associated with the project, no action was taken at this time.

**7. Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of Travis Street and Spring Street Adjacent to WC Beanery for the Rice Consolidated High School 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. as requested by Finest Axel.**

Donald Warschak explained that the closure would be for a small section of the streets adjacent to WC Beanery with a diagonal across the intersection so that traffic would still be able to go through the intersection. He also said that the closure would be after business hours for the businesses around WC Beanery.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the street closure. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**8. Consideration and Action to Approve Street Closure in the Memorial Oaks Subdivision for Halloween Activities on the Evening of October 31, 2013.**

The Mayor explained that this is the annual closure for the subdivision and that they have asked to have the streets closed from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the street closure. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**9. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Wallace Street from Live Oak Street to Bowie Street for the St. Anthony's Annual Halloween Carnival from 5:00 p.m. on October 25, 2013 to 9:00 a.m. on October 27, 2013.**

The Mayor explained that this closure is also an annual event and that this is the same closure that was approved last year.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the street closure. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**10. Consideration and Action to Authorize Management to Negotiate a New Electrical Rate Contract.**

Donald Warschak explained that the current contract with the City's electricity provider will end in April 2014. He said that the City plans to bid the electrical rate contract through H-GAC. When those bids come in they are only good for one day, so he is asking Council to authorize him to negotiate the contract.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to authorize management to negotiate a new electrical rate contract. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**11. Consideration and Action, if necessary, on the August 2013 Police Report.**

Police Chief Bill Lattimore presented his August 2013 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

**12. Consideration and Action, if necessary, on the September 2013 Code Enforcement Report.**

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, presented his September 2013 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

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

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

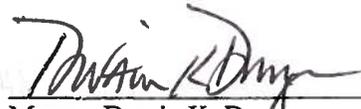
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

**14. Announcements.**

There were no announcements.

**15. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:37 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.

