

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, January 9, 2014 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 6:38 p.m.)
Councilman	-	John Axel (absent)
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. He explained that Councilman Axel was absent due to illness.

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 12, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of December 23, 2013 Regular Meeting.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Sewer Averaging, and Midtown Park Water Tower.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Councilman Woodall arrived at 6:38 p.m. Donald also announced that Librarian Nancy Koehl is retiring in March.

6. Consideration and Action to Authorize Closure of Preston Street from Back to Fannin Street on January 20, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Event.

After a discussion of the closure, Reverend Robert Waddle invited those in attendance to participate in the event starting at 10 a.m.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to authorize the closure of Preston Street from Back to Fannin on January 20, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Event as requested. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 131-14 Authorizing Designated Signators for the City's Depository and Other Financial Institutions.

Linda Lakich explained that the Resolution added the Mayor to the list of those who are authorized to sign on City depository accounts and was necessary because of the vacancy in the Assistant City Secretary position. She also said that as soon as a new Assistant City Secretary is hired that Council will be asked to change the signators again.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 131-14 authorizing designated signators for the City's accounts as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the December 2013 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement Officer Ford Stein presented his December 2013 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Ford also reported that the addressing problem on Krupka discussed at prior meetings was being resolved. Councilman Rankin asked him to confirm that everyone in the City can get emergency response. Ford explained that responders look for house numbers not at a map so that if houses are properly marked they will receive emergency response. Councilman Rankin asked him to confirm that with each emergency entity.

No action was necessary.

9. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment

Councilman Hernandez – no comment

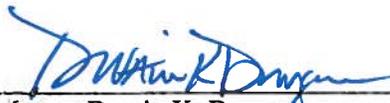
Councilman Rankin – no comment

10. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

11. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:45 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.

