

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, June 26, 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
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
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. Considerations Action to Fill the Vacant City Council Position #2 by Appointment as Provided by Section 22.010 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The Mayor recommended that Council fill the vacant position created by John Axel's death with Lori An Gobert. He said that she has served the City in various ways including as a member of the CCIDC Board. He pointed out that because of this service, she would be able to step right into the budget process and that she knows what is going on.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to fill the vacant City Council position #2 by appointing Lori An Gobert to serve until the May 2015 election. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Official to City Council Position #2 for an Unexpired Term Ending in May 2015.

The oath of office for City Council Position #2 was administered to Lori An Gobert. She assumed her place on Council at 6:33 p.m.

5. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2014 Special Joint Meeting.
- d. Approval of May 2014 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: Councilwoman Gobert
Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin

The motion passed.

6. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

7. City Manager's Report Including 2014 Street Improvements, Downtown Sidewalk Project, and Texas Railroad Commission.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He also stated that the construction on the Downtown Sidewalk Project would begin the week after July 4th.

8. Consideration and Action to Award Fuel Bid for July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

Two bids for fuel were received. Thomas Petroleum, who is the current provider, bid \$0.1987 over OPIS price for both Diesel and Gasoline. Colorado County Oil bid \$0.10 over OPIS for both.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to award the fuel bid for July 1 thru December 31, 2014 to Colorado County Oil at a price of \$0.10 over OPIS price. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Gobert
Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (IEBP) Interlocal Agreement.

City Secretary, Linda Lakich, stated that the City currently has an interlocal agreement with TML IEBP for them to provide employee health insurance benefits. Because they are now offering services to governmental units outside of Texas, they have changed their name to TML MultiState IEBP. She explained that the document presented differs from the current agreement only in its references to the entity's name and the references to offering services only in Texas.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Interlocal Agreement as presented. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Gobert
Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Approve the Renewal of the Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement with Texas Municipal League for One Year from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

Linda Lakich explained that this is a one year renewal of the City's current Continuation of Coverage Administrative agreement and that they provide COBRA administrative service for \$0.50 per month per employee using COBRA.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the renewal of the Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement with Texas Municipal League for one year as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Gobert
Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Declare Three Steel Well Cover Frames as Surplus Property.

Donald Warschak said that the steel well covers were constructed at one time to be installed over the water wells. They were never installed, and they are no longer need since the wells are designed to be weatherproof.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to declare the three steel well cover frames as surplus property. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Gobert
Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin

The motion passed.

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the May 2014 Police Report.

Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, presented his May 2014 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He also stated that the Police Department has completed its reorganization of the evidence room. Councilman Rankin suggested that the department conduct periodic audits of the evidence room.

No action was necessary.

13. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilwoman Gobert – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – said he was happy to have Lori An Gobert on Council. He also gave information about surveillance cameras that H-GAC has available to deter illegal dumping.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – welcomed Ms. Gobert.

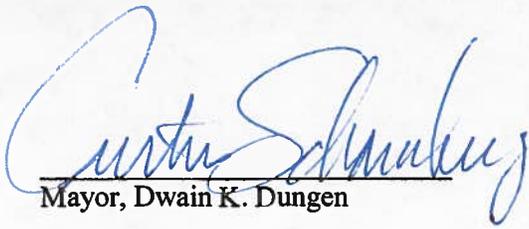
Mayor Dungen – announced that the Boys and Girls Club would be having its Taste of Columbus event on July 31, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. He stated that Council would have a team participating in the event.

14. Announcements.

Donald Warschak thanked the Columbus Garden Club for assisting with the flower beds in front of City Hall.

15. Adjournment.

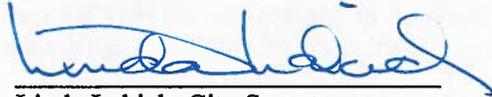
The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

Mayor Pro Temp

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.