

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, August 28, 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
Councilwoman	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)
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
Library Director	-	Susan Chandler
Utility Supervisor	-	Jody Ripper

**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 August 12, 2014 Special Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- d. Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2014 Special Meeting.
- e. Approval of July 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: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, and Rankin  
Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Hernandez

The motion passed.

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

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Downtown Sidewalk Project and 2014 Street Improvements.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He also reported that Butler Engineering would be pouring the last part of the northern block of the Downtown Sidewalk Project on Friday.

Councilman Hernandez arrived at 6:33 p.m.

**6. Public Hearing on the Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone who wished to comment on the property tax rate. No one wished to comment. The City Secretary announced that the City's tax rate was scheduled to be adopted at the regular Council meeting on September 11, 2014.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

**7. Consideration and Action to Approve Partial Closure of Crossroads Blvd. from 10 a.m. Friday, September 26, 2014 through Saturday, September 27, 2014 for the Colorado County Fair.**

The Mayor explained that this is the closure requested annually by the Fair Board to aid traffic flow during the County Fair.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the street closure as presented. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**8. Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of Milam Street Beginning in Front of the Elementary School and Ending at Walnut Street, and Closure of Walnut Street to Veteran's Memorial Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Colorado County Fair Parade on Saturday, September 27, 2014.**

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the street closure as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**9. Consideration and Action to Approve and Ratify an Agreement with Colorado County Central Appraisal District for Assessment and Collection Services for the Year 2015.**

The City Secretary explained that there was no change in the City's contract with the Central Appraisal District. The contract contains a provision for annual approval and ratification by the City Council.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve and ratify the current agreement with the Colorado County Central Appraisal District for assessment and collection services for the year 2015. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**10. Consideration and Action to Approve a Contract with the Glidden Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 for Wastewater Treatment Services.**

The Mayor explained that the current contract with the Glidden Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 is expiring on September 30<sup>th</sup>. He said that city staff had looked at the costs of running the plant and that the current rate with the consumer price index adjustment annually is reasonable. The proposed contract, therefore, is a continuation of the current contract.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the proposed contract with the Glidden Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 for wastewater treatment services. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the July 2014 Police Report.**

Police Chief Bill Lattimore presented his July 2014 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

**12. Discussion of Budget Workshop.**

Donald Warschak explained that one change would need to be made to the proposed budget because a sewer department truck dropped a valve. The truck will either need to be replaced for \$19,000 or will need to have a new engine for approximately \$6,500. After some discussion it was decided to budget for the engine replacement since it will come with a three year warranty.

Council was reminded that the 2014-2015 Budget was scheduled to be approved at the September 2, 2014 meeting.

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

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilwoman Gobert – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – said that he was glad to see the Scouts in the audience.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

**14. Announcements.**

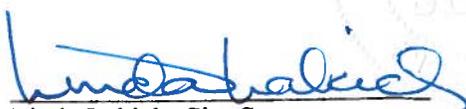
The schedule for upcoming budget related Council meetings was announced.

**15. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:49 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.

