

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, September 11, 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 6:40 p.m.)
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

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 28, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of September 2, 2014 Special 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, Schonenberg, and Rankin
Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Hernandez

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Downtown Sidewalk Project, 2014 Street Improvements, Automated Meter Reading System, and GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

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

6. Consideration and Action to Ratify Budgeted Property Tax Increase Reflected in the 2014-2015 Budget.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to ratify the tax rate of \$0.27312 as reflected in the previously approved 2014-2015 budget. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance No. 167-14 to Establish the Property Tax Rate of \$0.27312

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.27312, which is effectively a 1.33 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Councilman Woodall	-	Aye
Councilwoman Gobert	-	Aye
Councilman Schonenberg	-	Aye
Councilman Hernandez	-	Absent
Councilman Rankin	-	Aye

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Enter the City of Columbus into a Contract for Public Services with Family Crisis Center, Inc.

The City Secretary explained that the Family Crisis Center is asking for \$1,600 in funding for 2015, which is a \$100 increase over the previous year.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter the City into the proposed contract with Family Crisis Center, Inc. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Enter the City of Columbus into a Contract for Public Services with Combined Community Action, Inc.

The City Secretary explained the work that Combined Community Action does in the City and that they are requesting \$1,500 as in previous years.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter the City into a contract with Combined Community Action, Inc. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. 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 24, 2014 to 9:00 a.m. on October 26, 2014.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the proposed closure of streets as presented. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Approve a 2013-2014 Budget Amendment for Library Donations and Memorials Revenue and for Books, Audio Visual, Subscriptions and Supplies Expenditures.

Councilman Hernandez arrived at 6:40 p.m.

The Mayor explained that this would amend the 2013-2014 budget for the memorials and donations received by the Library and their related expenditures.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the budget amendment for Library donations and memorials as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

12. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.

The Mayor closed the regular session at 6:41 p.m. to adjourn to executive session.

13. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Personnel Matters.

The Mayor reconvened the regular session at 7:06 p.m. with all those previously present still in attendance. He explained that the purpose of the executive session was the City Manager's annual review and that no action was necessary.

14. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – Congratulated City Staff on receiving the GFOA certificate.

Councilwoman Gobert – asked for information concerning patching the pavement in front of the Baptist Church.

Councilman Schonenberg – also congratulated City Staff.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

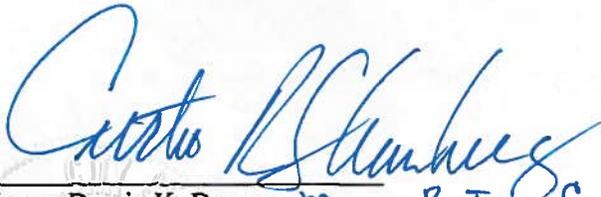
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

15. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

16. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.



~~Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen~~ Mayor ProTem, Curtiss Schonenberg

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.