

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, September 25, 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 (absent)
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Steve Woodall (absent)
Councilwoman	-	Lori An Gobert
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. /		
Assistant Fire Chief	-	Ford Stein
Fire Chief	-	Dusty Dittmar
Assistant Fire Chief	-	Richard LaCourse

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtiss Schonenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2014 Regular Meeting.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report Including Downtown Sidewalk Project and the 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 the street repair in front of the Baptist Church was complete.

6. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 138-14, a Resolution Designating a Representative and Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly for 2014.

Councilman Schonenberg noted that the current representatives are the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve Resolution 138-14 designating Mayor Dungen and Mayor Pro Tem Schonenberg as the representative and alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. **Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of Milam Street Beginning in Front of the Elementary School Ending at Walnut Street and Closure of Walnut Street to the Columbus Cardinal Football Stadium from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 for the Columbus High School Homecoming Parade.**

Police Chief Lattimore stated that he had spoken with the sponsors of the parade and that he thought that a rolling closure would be sufficient to handle the parade.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the closure as requested. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of Jon Loessin to the Library Advisory Board to Fill an Unexpired Term Ending April 1, 2016.**

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the appointment of Jon Loessin to the Library Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term ending April 1, 2016. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve a 2013-2014 Budget Amendment for Public Works-Downtown Sidewalk Grant Revenue and Related Expenditures.**

The City Secretary explained that this would update the 2013-2014 Budget for the changes previously authorized on the Downtown Sidewalk Project expenditures and the revenue from Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center Report.

Chamber of Commerce President, Nancy Stiles, and Visitor's Center Director, Evan Windham, report on recent activities of the Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism in Columbus. Nancy reported that they hosted a successful luncheon for volunteer docents, and that the Columbus Historic Preservation Trust members would begin training new volunteers soon. She also reported that a new brochure for the City would be out soon and that a new billboard was on the Interstate.

Evan reported on advertising activities. She stated that they are focusing on promoting Columbus as a weekend destination.

No action was necessary.

11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the August 2014 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, presented his August 2014 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the Quarterly Columbus Fire Department Report.

Fire Chief, Dusty Dittmar, and Assistant Chiefs, Ford Stein and Richard LaCourse presented the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department Quarterly Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. In addition, the Fire Department representatives gave a presentation on a used ladder truck that the VFD is purchasing from Brenham.

No action was necessary.

13. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the August 2014 Police Report.

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

No action was necessary.

14. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilwoman Gobert – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – said that discussions with the County regarding changes to tax abatement regulations are ongoing.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

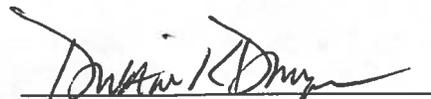
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

15. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

16. Adjournment.

The Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 7:10 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.