

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, June 11, 2015 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	-	Woody Moore (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.	-	Ford Stein

1. Call to Order.

Mayor 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. Administer the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials.

The City Secretary administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Gobert.

4. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2015 Regular 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 Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin
Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Moore

The motion passed.

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

All citizens' comments related to item number 13.

6. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Aerator Project, and Auto Read Meter Project.

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

7. Consideration and Action to Approve a Manufactured Home Permit for 1428 Crockett Street, as requested by Sean Sutton.

Mayor Dungen commented that the permit application was not complete, since there was no certificate of title or a plat attached, and asked if all of the items included in the application are required. Code Enforcement Officer Ford Stein stated that the applicant was waiting for approval before purchasing a manufactured home. Councilman Rankin stated that he would like to see a copy of the plat showing

where the manufactured home would be placed. Councilman Schonenberg agreed. Mayor Dungen and Councilman Rankin both suggested that the permit form be revised to conform to the City's ordinance.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to reject the Manufactured Home Permit application as presented. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the May 2015 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement Officer Ford Stein presented a copy of his May 2015 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

9. Consideration and Action to Award Bid for Replacement of Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment.

Ford Stein presented three bids that were received for the replacement of the Fire Department self contained breathing apparatus equipment. Metro Fire's bid was for \$111,157, MES was \$127,113.32, and Dooley Tackaberry's bid was for \$131,080.70. Councilman Rankin pointed out that this purchase, plus a truck, would zero out the Fire Equipment Fund.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to accept Metro Fire's bid of \$111,157 for Fire Department self contained breathing apparatus equipment. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Reschedule the First Regular City Council Meeting in July.

The Mayor stated that the regular date for the meeting would be at the same time as the Taste of Columbus fund raiser for the Boys and Girls Club.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to move the first City Council Meeting in July to July 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Authorize Closure of Bowie Street from Jackson Street to Houston Street for Nesbitt Memorial Library Summer Activities on Thursday, July 9, 2015, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, July 16, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Library requested closures of the area within the gates in front of the Elementary School as part of their Summer Reading Program activities.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the closure of Bowie Street from Jackson to Houston for the Nesbitt Memorial Library events as requested. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

12. Consideration and Action to Authorize Closure of Legion Drive from Veterans Drive to Legion Circle for Independence Day Activities on Saturday, July 4, 2015, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce requested the street closure as part of its July 4th activities.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the closure of Legion Drive from Veterans Drive to Legion Circle for Independence Day activities as requested. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

13. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 148-15, a Resolution Consenting to a Change in Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation Bylaws.

Mayor Dungen stated that this resolution, which changes the number of CCIDC Board members allowed who can reside outside of the city limits, had been discussed at the last City Council meeting. At that time, Council asked the CCIDC Board to change the bylaws to allow only three members to be nonresidents rather than follow the state law which allows all members to be nonresidents. Joel Usher, who is on the CCIDC board, addressed Council stating that the Board would like to again ask Council to allow the bylaws to follow state law. He stated that, in a community as small as Columbus, there is a limited pool from which to choose. He also stated that Council has the ultimate authority to approve all members of the Board. Councilman Rankin stated that he still wanted to restrict the membership to only three members from outside the City. The Mayor stated, that while he understood Councilman Rankin's concerns, that Council has approval authority and that he had no problem with adopting the resolution as CCIDC requested. Councilwoman Gobert said that there is a lot of talent in the area that they cannot currently have on the Board. Councilman Rankin said that he would like to table the item until the full council was able to be in attendance. Councilman Schonenberg stated that he wanted to have the best people available on the Board.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to table action on the approval of Resolution 148-15. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 148-15, Consenting to a Change in the Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation Bylaws. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Schonenberg and Hernandez
Councilwoman Gobert
No: Councilman Rankin
Absent: Councilman Moore

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action on the Mayor's Appointment of One Member to the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Board.

The Mayor recommended the appointment of Andrew Nunmaker to the Board of the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC).

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Andrew Nunmaker to the CCIDC Board. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

15. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilwoman Gobert – asked for an update on utility maintenance schedules.

Councilman Schonenberg – asked to look at speed limits around Midtown Park. He also asked for an update on a horse ordinance.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

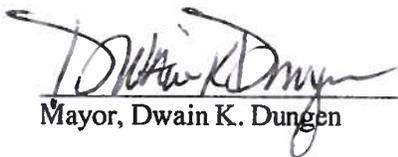
Mayor Dungen – cited a letter to the editor in the Colorado County Citizen which thanked local citizens for their help to a couple passing through town who had their vehicle destroyed by a fire. He also commended Patrol Officer Anthony Axel for the letter he received from the County Attorney citing his professionalism in handling a difficult situation.

16. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

17. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:35 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.