

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, July 6, 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
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
Utilities Superintendent	-	Jody Ripper

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. **Consent Agenda.**

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments.**¹

There were no citizens' comments or presentations.

5. **City Manager's Report Including 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.

6. **Consideration and Action to Authorize Management to Solicit Proposals for Depository Bids.**

The City Secretary explained that the City's current depository contract with Industry State Bank will expire September 30, 2015 so new bids will be necessary.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to authorize management to solicit proposals for depository bids. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action to Award 2015 Street Seal Coating Bid.

The City Manager stated that one bid was received from H&C Construction and that it was lower than last year's cost and also lower than the amount budgeted for the current year. After a discussion of the reasons for only receiving one bid, it was suggested that management consider bidding out every other year in order to increase the size of the project. Donald Warschak stated that H&C Construction did the seal coating last year and that they did a good job.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to award the 2015 Street Seal Coating bid to H&C Construction and to give management the flexibility to go to biannual bidding. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Award Fuel Bid for July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

The City Secretary stated that one bid was received for the fuel bid from Colorado County Oil. The bid was for \$0.12 over OPIS price which is the same cost as the City is currently paying.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to award the fuel bid for July 1 thru December 31, 2015 to Colorado County Oil. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of Tracy Kelly to the Library Advisory Board for a Term Ending October 1, 2018.

The Mayor explained that Tracy Kelly was the recommendation of the Library Board to fill the vacant spot on the Board.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the appointment of Tracy Kelly to the Library Advisory Board. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Appoint One Member to the Employee Grievance Committee.

The Mayor explained that two Council Members serve on this committee and that Eddie Hernandez currently is on it. He stated that he would recommend anyone who was interested in also serving on the committee.

Councilwoman Gobert volunteered to serve on the Employee Grievance Committee and nominated herself to the position. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the June 2015 Code Enforcement Report.

Donald Warschak presented a copy of the June 2015 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

12. Discussion of Budget Workshop – General, Utility, and Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds.

The City Secretary explained that certified appraised values for ad valorem tax would not be available until July 25th so effective and rollback tax rates were not available yet. She stated that sales tax revenue for FYE15 is projected to increase 5% over that received in FYE14. A 3.5% increase over that estimate is being budgeted for FYE16.

Police Chief Lattimore stated that the Police Department is requesting the replacement of 2 patrol vehicles at a cost of \$85,200. He said that if they go to a replacement plan of 2 vehicles in one year and 1 in the next, they will have a 7-8 year life for the department's eleven vehicles. The current life for each vehicle is 11 years. Chief Lattimore stated that they would also like to replace 6 desktop computers that are almost seven years old at a cost of \$9,100. Council asked for more information on the uses of the computers and that the Chief consider the possibility of replacing the desktops with laptops that could be carried from patrol units to offices.

Jim Almond with Utility Service Group gave a presentation on his company's proposal for water storage tank maintenance. The cost would be \$80,589 per year for the first three years, and a maintenance program for the water wells would cost \$5,000 per well per year.

The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for July 23rd.

13. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Moore – asked for information on the new recycling services.

Councilwoman Gobert – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – recognized the past service of Annie Mae Hargrove and Mary Ellen Prause on the Planning and Zoning Commission and of Elizabeth Flint on the Columbus Community & Industrial Development Commission Board.

Mayor Dungen – no comment.

14. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

15. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:41 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.