

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, August 25, 2016 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	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle (Absent)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
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1. **Call to Order.**

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. **Consideration and Action to Fill the Vacant City Council Position #1 by Appointment as Provided by Section 22.010 of the Texas Local Government Code.**

Dungen put forth Keith Cummings to fill vacant City Council Position #1.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to appoint Mr. Cummings to Position #1 of the City Council. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin and Hernandez, Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

4. **Administer Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Official to City of Columbus Position #1 for an Appointed Term Ending in May 2017.**

Mayor Dungen administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Cummings.

5. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of May 2016 Financial Statements.
- c. Approval of June 2016 Financial Statements.

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin, Hernandez, and Cummings; Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

**6. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.**

Comments were made during agenda items.

**7. City Manager's Report Including Water System Flushing.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, stated the water system flushing had started on Monday morning. Currently, City crews are in the Northeastern portion of the City, and should be to Burford Drive by Friday. He also stated the flushing was going as expected.

Councilwoman Gobert stated the bright orange postcard notification was very helpful, and with the large ad in the paper, no one should be able to say they did not know about the flushing. The City Secretary stated they had only received one call of complaint from a customer.

**8. Consideration and Action Authorizing Individual Procurement of Engineering and Grant Management Services for the 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.**

Warschak stated this was for the authorization to advertise for engineering and administrative services for a \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant that would be available to help with water line replacement.

Councilman Cummings made a motion to authorize individual procurement for engineering and grant management services for the 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant program. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin, Hernandez, and Cummings; Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

**9. Consideration and Action Regarding Use of City Swimming Pool by High School Swim Team.**

High School Swim Coach, Karin Magera, stated this would be the third year the swim team has asked to use the pool. She stated it was a big help not having to travel out of town to practice. She also thanked the City for their continued support.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to allow the high school swim team to use the City pool for practice. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin, Hernandez, and Cummings; Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

**10. Consideration and Action to Approve Partial Closure of Crossroads Blvd. From 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 23, 2016 through Saturday, September 24, 2016 for the Colorado**

**County Fair.**

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the partial closure of Crossroads Blvd. for the Colorado County Fair as requested. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin, Hernandez, and Cummings; Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

**11. Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of Milam Street (Spur 52) Beginning in Front of the Elementary School and Ending at Walnut Street (Highway 90) to Veteran's Memorial Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Colorado County Fair Parade on Saturday, September 24, 2016.**

Police Chief, Lattimore stated this would be a hard closure of intersections.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the street closures for the Colorado County Fair Parade as requested. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin, Hernandez, and Cummings; Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

**12. Consideration and Action to Approve a Manufactured Home Permit for Lot S-4 Block 78 of Preston Street as Requested by Darlene Rios.**

The Mayor stated the permit had been signed by Richard, and that it met all of the specifications.

Councilwoman Gobert thanked Ms. Rios for having the application fully completed.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the manufactured home permit as requested by Darlene Rios. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Rankin, Hernandez, and Cummings; Councilwoman Gobert  
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

**13. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the July 2016 Police Report.**

Chief Lattimore gave the July Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He also spoke about the different training his officers had completed.

Additionally, he spoke about the Homecoming Parade, and the need for possible hard closures because of the time of day. He indicated that he would work with the Booster Club to work out the details.

Dungen asked Chief about the occurrence of identity theft in the City. Lattimore replied that he sees some cases. They are typically non City residents who had passed through town and may have had some suspicious activity on their credit card.

No action was required.

**14. Discussion of Budget Workshop.**

The City Secretary stated she had changed the budget to reflect a 1.5 % increase in wages. Other items discussed included the use of the additional property tax for the fire equipment fund; the updated beginning balances of HOT, Equipment and Fire Equipment Funds, and the amount for the Chamber HOT Grant.

Councilman Rankin and the Mayor explained to Councilman Cummings some of the highlights of the budgeting process.

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

Councilman Cummings – Thanked Council for their consideration, and he will do his best.

Councilwoman Gobert – Welcomed Councilman Cummings.

Councilman Swindle - Absent

Councilman Hernandez – Thanked Councilman Cummings for his willingness to serve.

Councilman Rankin – Echoed Councilman Hernandez's sentiments.

Mayor Dungen – None

**16. Announcements.**

There were no announcements.

**17. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain-Dungen Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Bana Schneider, 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.

<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.

