

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 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	-	Gary Swindle
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff present included:

Code Enforcement	-	Richard LaCourse
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1. Call to Order.

The Mayor 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. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of the October 27, 2016 Regular Meeting

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Melissa Kilpatrick with the Colorado County Fair Board stated the Fair Association was having problems with the garbage pick-up at the fairgrounds. She asked if Council could intervene with the vendor, Texas Disposal System. The Mayor asked City Manager, Donald Warschak, to make a phone call to the company.

Debbie Damon of Bedazzled thanked the City for their support with the issues with AEP she is investigating. A copy of the findings on AEP delivery charges is attached to these minutes.

5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, TxDot Signal Project Update, Public Hearing Regarding the 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, and McCormick WWTP River Bank Erosion Update.

Donald Warschak gave the City Managers report, a copy of which is attached.

Warschak stated the sales tax figures are based on the September collections. The City saw an increase in sales tax of approximately \$7,500 compared to the same period last year. The County as a whole and Eagle Lake both saw increases as well. Weimar saw a decrease in their sales tax collections. Councilman Rankin asked about the investigation into the large decrease in last month's

sales tax payment. The City Secretary stated the confidentiality report from the state had been received via a zip file, but new software was needed in order to open it.

Regarding the public hearing, Warschak stated that Grantworks would be conducting the hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21st. The purpose is to get public feedback on the application for the 2017-2018 TX CDBG grant application. The project will be targeting cast and ductile iron water lines for replacement.

Regarding the riverbank erosion, Warschak stated there will be a kick-off meeting with FEMA regarding funding for emergency repairs at the WWTP. He stated funding for any repairs would be 75% from FEMA and 25% from the City.

Regarding the I-10 and Highway 71 Signal Project, Warschak stated signage and barricades would be delivered to the area next week, and construction would begin after Thanksgiving. Dungen asked if they still anticipated completion by the end of the year. Warschak stated the contractor was supposed to begin two weeks ago, but they were experiencing some problems on another job. Councilman Cummings asked if the signals would be red, yellow, and green, or if they were just going to be flashing yellow and red. Warschak stated they would be red, yellow, and green signals. Councilwoman Gobert asked if there would be left turn lane arrows. There was further discussion about the type of signals that would be put in place.

6. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2016 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement Officer, Richard LaCourse gave the October report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He also spoke to Council regarding the status of some substandard buildings.

No action was required.

7. Consideration and Action to Submit to Planning & Zoning a Proposed Replat of a 4.87 Acre Tract Situated in the WB Dewees Survey (A-18) of the City of Columbus, into Four (4) Lots (4.364, 0.169, 0.169, and 0.168 Acres) as Requested by Deborah Herring.

Dungen asked if this was down on Fairview, and across from Thomas Henneke. Warschak stated it was. Councilman Swindle asked if there were any comments from the neighbors. Gobert stated the letters would go out after Council sends it to Planning & Zoning.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to submit the proposed replat as stated to Planning & Zoning. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Submit to Planning & Zoning a Proposed Replat of a 0.9420 Acre Tract Situated in the E. Tumlinson Survey (A-44) of the City of Columbus, into Two (2) Tracts (0.876 and 0.0744 Acres) for a proposed right-of-way as Requested Union Pacific Railroad.

Dungen stated this was for the East River Bridge Project.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to submit the proposed replat as presented to Planning & Zoning. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2016 Columbus Golf Association Report.**

Mike Craddock gave the October report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Craddock thanked the City for all of the support the CMGA has received.

No action was required.

10. **Items from Councilmembers.**²

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilwoman Gobert – None

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Dungen – Asked if everyone had seen the letters for AEP and the PUC.

6. **Announcements.**

Schneider reminded Council the next meeting will be Monday the 28th.

7. **Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain Dungen

ATTEST:



Bana Schneider, 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.

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.

