

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2018 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 (Absent)
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Traci Edman

Other City Staff Present:

Police Chief	-	Skip Edman
Fire Chief	-	Dusty Dittmar

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. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of the February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval of January 2018 Financial Statements

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

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

There were no citizen comments.

5. **City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Filtration Project, McCormick River Bank Update.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated the sales tax payment for the month was up approximately \$7,000 from the same time period last year. Eagle Lake saw an increase while Weimar and the County as a whole decreased. Total sales tax the City received was \$109,462.71.

Regarding the Water Filtration Project, Warschak stated the contractor was in the process of getting the required bonds and insurance.

Warschak concluded his report with an update of the McCormick WWTP river bank. He stated he has had two conference calls with the Army Corps of Engineers, and a site visit was done last week. Dungen asked if we were pursuing a temporary fix through FEMA again. Warschak stated a permanent fix needs to be done. If the river rises, any temporary repairs will be washed away again.

6. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Annual Fire Department Report.

CVFD Chief, Dusty Dittmar, gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He stated one issue the department is experiencing is declining membership. They are down from 40 members to 32. Dittmar stated it was very difficult to attract younger members. Recruitment was discussed along with the daytime coverage for fire calls.

He stated the Oyster Fry was a success.

Mayor Dungen thanked the fire department for their service to the community.

No action was required.

7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding a Hurricane Harvey Recovery Report by Dale Alexander.

This item was skipped since Mr. Alexander was not in attendance.

8. Certification of Unopposed Candidates in the Regular and Special Municipal Elections.

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve the certification. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Adopt Ordinance 200-18, an Ordinance of the City of Columbus, Texas, Declaring the Unopposed Candidates for the Offices of City Councilmember Place One, City Councilmember Place Three, City Councilmember Place Four, and City Councilmember Place Five as Elected.

Councilman Cummings made a motion to adopt Ordinance 200-18. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Adopt Ordinance 201-18, an Ordinance Establishing Stated Meetings of the City Council of the City of Columbus Texas.

Mayor Dungen stated this item was concerning changing the meeting times which was discussed at the last meeting.

This ordinance was to change the 2nd and 4th Monday Council meetings to 5:30p.m.

Councilman Swindle made a motion to change the stated meeting time. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the February Golf Association Report.

John Mangini gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He stated 99 players attended the high school boys and girls golf tournament. The night golf had 35 in attendance. Mangini stated the Lion's Club tournament would be held next month, and he concluded by informing Council membership dues, which are due on April 1, will be raised from \$480 to \$600.

No action was required.

12. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilwoman Gobert – Absent

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – None

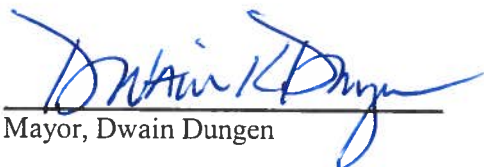
Mayor Dungen – Congratulated Billy Kahn from the Chamber of Commerce on their Casino Night. He stated it was very successful, and everyone seemed to have a great time.

13. Announcements.

Magnolia Days will be held May 18-19.

14. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:49 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 council members 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.

