

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 5:30 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
Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff Present:

Police Chief	-	Skip Edman
Library Director	-	Susan Chandler

1. Call to Order.

Mayor, Dwain Dungen, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

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

Mayor Dungen administered the oaths:

Council Place #1 – Keith Cummings
Council place #3 – Gary Swindle
Council Place #4 – Sandra Frnka
Council Place #5 – Chuck Rankin

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval of March 2018 Financial Statements

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Eddie Hernandez and Herb Fish of the American Legion addressed Council about National Poppy Day. Fish gave a brief history of the poppy's association with the American Legion. He also read the poem "In Flanders Field". Dungen signed a proclamation declaring May 25th as Poppy Day in Columbus. Hernandez stated they would be at HEB, Wal-Mart, and Schobel's that day selling poppies.

Billy Kahn of the Chamber of Commerce reminded Council about the Magnolia Days Festival this weekend. He also thanked Michael Poncik and his crew for getting all of the banners and lights hung as well as preparing the Visitor Center Grounds.

6. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Water Filtration Project Update, and Water System Flushing.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated the sales tax payment this month was down approximately \$8,000 from the same time period as last year. He stated the County, Eagle Lake, and Weimar all saw increases in their sales tax. There was discussion regarding the sales tax downward trend.

Regarding the filtration project, Warschak stated the base foundation and walls at the Spring plant have been poured, and the base foundation at the Tait plant had also been poured. He said once the wall forms were removed at Spring, they will pour the Tait foundation walls. At the Cardinal Hill location, site excavation of the sub grade has started. Warschak reported on his trip to visit the filter tank manufacturer in Houston. He stated one of the vessels was at the painters, one was almost ready for paint and the other was on its side ready for the base to be welded.

Warschak concluded his report with the water system flushing. He stated City workers started flushing last week, and it will take several more weeks for completion. During that time customers may experience water clarity and pressure issues.

7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the 2018 Water Line Replacement Project.

Warschak gave an overview of the water line replacement plan, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The locations for replacement were highlighted. Warschak stated there would be approximately \$600,000 of bond money available, and he figures the first four replacement areas would cost approximately \$588,000.

Mayor Dungen asked if this job would go out for bids. Warschak stated the design would be done in house, and the line replacement would go out for bids.

Councilman Rankin asked if there was a map showing all the lines which had been replaced earlier. Warschak stated there is another map from when work was done starting in, he thought, 2006. The City Manager also stated there is a map for the probable grant funded water line replacement project for the area near the junior high. Rankin asked how many feet of line would be replaced with the bond money. Warschak stated around 6,200 linear feet.

There was discussion regarding the lines that would still need to be replaced once this planned phase is completed, and discussion of the areas where replacement will be problematic such as Walnut Street.

Councilman Swindle made a motion to have the City Manager move forward with the project. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Bowie Street Between Jackson and Houston Streets on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the Circus of Health as Requested by Columbus Community Hospital.

Dungen stated this event has grown quite large with many children participating.

Councilman Cummings made a motion to approve the street closures as requested. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the April Golf Association Report.

John Mangini gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Mangini spoke about the recent crawfish tournament the golf club hosted, as well as upcoming club tournaments with Eagle Lake and Weimar.

He stated the bathroom renovations are completely finished, and paperwork has been submitted to the CCIDC for reimbursement.

Dungen asked about membership numbers. Mangini stated they had lost two members after the price increase, but they have picked up some new members.

No action was required.

10. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilwoman Gobert – Absent

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilwoman Frnka – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Dungen – None

11. Announcements.

The fire department will have their annual memorial service at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

Chief Edman stated there will be a police memorial service at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow on the courthouses square.

12. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:02 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.