

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 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
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle (Absent)
Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Skip Edman
Code Enforcement	-	Richard LaCourse
Fire Marshal	-	Brent Gorman

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. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of the July 23, 2018 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval of May 2018 Financial Statements
- d. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2018

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizen comments.

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

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated the sales tax payment of \$107,043 the City received in July was down approximately \$10,000 from the same time last year. Eagle Lake, Weimar, and the County as a whole all saw increases in their sales tax revenue.

Regarding the water filtration project, Warschak stated the vessels have been delivered, and have been set at each site. The contractor is assembling all of the components including the internal and external piping.

Warschak continued by reporting on the Hill water well. He stated the well had been jetted that day, and the post jetting survey would be done on Wednesday. After the survey, the pump equipment can be remounted. He said there was a noticeable change during the jetting.

Warschak stated the water system flushing was almost complete. The only area left to be flushed is out at the industrial park.

Warschak also stated Frank Surveying is continuing the survey work on the water line replacement project. He also introduced the new Assistant City Secretary, Dinah Jacobs.

Councilwoman Frnka asked when the ravine behind Creek Bend Lane will be cleaned. Warschak stated he would have to check with Public Works Superintendent, Michael Poncik, about when it would be cleared. Warschak said the tractor used for that job was not working at this time.

6. Consideration and Action to Award the 2018 Street Seal Coating Bid.

Warschak stated three packets had been sent out to contractors, but only one bid was received. H&C Construction bid the job at \$191,040. This came out to \$1.91 per square yard. The last seal coat, done two years ago, cost \$1.95 per square yard, and the year before that was \$2.07 per square yard.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to award the seal coat bid to H&C Construction. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, and Rankin; Councilwomen Gobert and Frnka

Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 183-18, a Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Cost-Share Agreement Between the City of Columbus and the Department of the Army for the City of Columbus Bank Erosion, TX-CAP Feasibility Study.

Councilman Cummings asked if this was for the study only. Warschak confirmed the agreement was for the study only. Cummings also asked how long the study would take. Warschak stated they are hoping to get it completed by the end of the year.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve Resolution 183-18 approving a cost-share agreement with the Department of the Army. Councilwoman Frnka seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, and Rankin; Councilwomen Gobert and Frnka

Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Appoint George Bergfeld, Jr. as the City of Columbus Rabies Control Officer.

The Mayor asked if George was currently performing those duties. The City Secretary stated after Rudy Schmidt retired, Michael Poncik had been appointed to that position. George is certified, and a he is performing those duties.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to appoint George Bergfeld, Jr. as the rabies control officer for the City. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Noise Ordinance Variance.

Dungen stated this had been discussed at the last meeting, and the current ordinance is in the council packet. The application was discussed, as well as the process for filing. Chief Edman stated the application would be published in the paper before Council would approve the event.

There was no action taken. A public hearing will be scheduled.

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Fire Marshal Report.

Fire Marshal, Brent Gorman, gave his report; a copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Gorman stated the ESO software was working really well.

No action was required

11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the May 2018 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement Officer, Richard LaCourse, gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

LaCourse discussed several properties regarding substandard and weeded lots. He also discussed training he needs to complete, and a Board of Adjustment request.

Cummings asked about the properties at 1318 Travis and 1117 Bonham. He asked how long it will take before something is done. LaCourse explained the procedure he had to follow. The Mayor stated this is the situation that happened before in the department, and he does not want that scenario to start again.

Councilwoman Gobert asked about the properties that had been given extensions. There has been work done on both properties, but there is still a lot that will need to be done at both houses, LaCourse stated.

Councilwoman Frnka thanked Richard for the information he had provided to her earlier that day.

No action was required.

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the May 2018 Police Report.

Chief Edman gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Edman spoke about training the department recently completed. He also stated he made a presentation to the Rotary Club, and the department had participated in the Taste of Columbus. He concluded his report stating the department had only two mental health transports last month.

No action was required.

13. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

The budget schedule was discussed.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the assessed taxable value, and the reason for the decrease this year. The City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated she had received the final values today, and she had not had an opportunity to go over the packet and compare to last year.

The sales tax projection was also discussed.

Schneider went over rerates for healthcare, workers compensation and retirement. She also discussed a proposal she received for property and liability insurance from another company.

The tax rate will need to be set at the next meeting.

13. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilwoman Gobert – None

Councilman Swindle – Absent

Councilwoman Frnka – None

Councilman Rankin – None

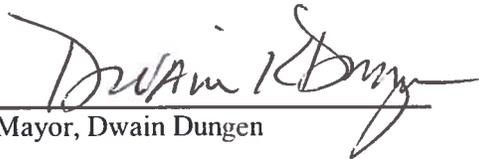
Mayor Dungen – His house in Columbus has been sold so he would be losing his residency, and by law he would have to vacate his position. August 13th his resignation would take effect.

14. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

15. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:09 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.