

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Lori An Gobert
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Chuck Rankin
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Michael Ridlen
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff Present:

Police Chief	-	Skip Edman
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**1. Call to Order.**

The Mayor, Lori An Gobert, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Gobert led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of the January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Ridlen, Swindle, and Rankin; Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

**4. Consideration and Action to Approve an Invoice from Colorado Valley Veterinary Services.**

Councilwoman Frnka made a motion to approve the invoice from CVVS. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, and Rankin; Councilwoman Frnka  
Abstain: Councilman Ridlen

The motion passed.

**5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

Debbie Damon spoke to Council regarding the "Farmers Market". A copy of her report is attached to these minutes. She stated a presentation had been made to the Commissioners Court that morning asking for permission to open the "Saturdays on the Square" every Saturday of the month except for

the last Saturday which will be the Chamber sponsored "Columbus Country Market". Damon explained there were many vendors who wanted to have the market more than one time a month.

**6. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Water Filtration Project Update, Sewer Averaging, 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 the City received in February was up approximately \$28,000 from the same time last year. Eagle Lake and the Weimar both saw decreases, and the County showed an increase over last year.

Regarding the water filtration project, Warschak stated WesTech had gotten him some information regarding some different flanges for use on the piping problems, and they are awaiting his approval. At the Hill plant, WesTech has asked for the vertical piping to be installed so they could come and take a look at it. Warschak said the vertical pipe has been installed. Gobert asked when WesTech expects to have the alignment problem solved. Warschak said once the appropriate flanges have been decided upon, they will have to be ordered. At the Tait plant, he said the flange modifications had been made, and the piping needs to be installed. He expects WesTech to come out pretty quickly to look at the Hill plant since the vertical piping had already been installed there. Warschak indicated WesTech is asking for target dates to come and inspect the final installation. Councilman Swindle asked if he had target dates in mind. Warschak stated perhaps in 90 days, with the system up and running sometime in June. Councilman Ridlen asked if these flanges were at the expense of WesTech. Warschak stated WesTech would be supplying those. Councilman Rankin stated he was concerned about the review and approval Warschak mentioned. Rankin stated they must supply us with a system that works.

On Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, City crews will begin flushing the fire hydrants. Postcard notifications will be sent to residents and businesses. Warschak stated customers could experience low water pressure and discoloration during the flushing period. Gobert stated a citizen had asked her about the flushing process, and where all of the water goes. Does it go in the pipes and into the sewer system? Warschak stated the water goes into the storm drains and out to the river or over land and in gullies where it is absorbed. Gobert asked if the flushing protocol was compliant with all state requirements. Warschak said as far as he knows, it is.

Warschak stated the sewer averaging period would end on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Residential water usage during the averaging period will determine the sewer rates for the rest of the year.

Swindle asked about the status of the waterline project. Warschak stated he was in the process of redlining his topographical drawings. He said there was a small area where he needs some more survey work, but he is expecting to go out for bids sometime in the spring.

**7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the January Golf Association Report.**

John Mangini gave the report to Council, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Mangini stated they would be busy the next couple of months. They are preparing the course for the high school tournament which will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. He also stated they have a tournament planned in March with the Weimar golf club, and the Lion's Club tournament will be held in September. He also spoke about some additional tournaments that are in the works. Mangini said they will be having a general membership meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 3 positions will be coming available on the board.

Councilman Cummings asked about the Gatorade bottles near the football stadium fence. Mangini stated those are thrown there during events at the stadium, and the school is supposed to pick them up.

No action was required.

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

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilman Ridlen – None

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilwoman Frnka – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Gobert – Spoke about the Elected Officials Conference being held on February 27 and March 1 from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. She stated the Thursday session looked very interesting.

**9. Announcements.**

There were no announcements.

**10. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Lori An Gobert

ATTEST:

  
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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 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.

