

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, July 8, 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 (Absent)
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:

Code Enforcement	-	Richard LaCourse
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1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem, Chuck Rankin, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Rankin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of April 2019 Financial Statements

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. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no public comments.

5. City Manager's Report Including Water Filtration Project Update, and the Front Street River Access Point.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated B&D Services had finished the face piping at the Tait and Spring Water Plants, and are now working at the Hill Plant. All of the piping will be tested before placing the filter vessels in the final location. Councilman Rankin asked when the project would be done. Warschak stated hopefully by the end of September. He indicated there is still some electrical work and yard piping to complete.

Regarding the Front Street river access point, Warschak stated the right-of-way has been staked by Frank Surveying. He asked them who owns the property behind the lift station, but FSC stated a different type of licensed surveyor would be needed to do that job. Warschak stated the City Attorney worked on the verbiage for signs that will be needed in the area. The warning signs are currently being fabricated, and they will be put in place once they are received. Councilman Ridlen asked if the surveyor stakes indicate the City's property. Warschak stated the stakes indicate the street right of way, and any further surveying would require a state certified surveyor. Councilman Swindle asked how much had been paid for the survey work to date. Warschak stated

approximately \$2,300. Swindle stated a \$50 sign could have solved our problem without spending all of that money for a survey. Councilwoman Frnka stated we needed to know where that \$50 sign should be placed. Frnka asked about the LCRA funding for repairs at Beason's Park. Warschak stated repairs would probably not begin until next spring.

Warschak also informed Council the North river bridge construction is wrapping up, and the contracts for the East river bridge have been awarded. Frnka asked if the clearing by the rail road was due to the bridge. Code Enforcement Officer, Richard LaCourse, stated a clearing was made by the company cleaning up the debris from the railroad bridge pylons so they would be able to launch their boats.

6. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the June Golf Association Report.

John Mangini gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He thanked Warschak for the getting the water back up. He stated they are working on finding sprinkler heads to replace all of the broken ones on the course. Mangini said they had a very busy July 4th. He also stated they would be hosting a golf tournament for the youth football league on July 27th, and the Lion's Club tournament the 3rd week in September. Mangini indicated the green fee comparison requested last month was included in the financial report.

No action was required.

7. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilman Ridlen – None

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilwoman Frnka – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Gobert – Absent

8. Announcements.

The City Secretary stated budget workshops would begin at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment.

The Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.



Mayor, Lori An Gobert

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.