



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 5:30 PM, 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 – Ronny Daley
Councilman – Gary Swindle
Councilwoman – Sandra Frnka
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider (Absent)
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman
Code Enforcement – Richard LaCourse
Fire Marshal – Brent Allen Gorman, Jr.
Code/Fire Assistant – Duane Naiser

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Gary Swindle

Seconded by: Sandra Frnka

Ayes: Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, Ronny Daley, Gary Swindle, and Sandra Frnka

Carried 5-0

3.1. Approval of Invoices

3.2. Approval of Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

4. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹**

Chris Christensen signed in to speak at a specific agenda item.

5. **City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, the Water Filtration Project, and the Army Corp of Engineer WWTP River Bank Project Updates.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Sales tax was up for this same time period last year, \$172,522 compared to \$152,437. The Cities of Eagle Lake and Weimar both saw increases, while the County saw a decrease.

Regarding the Water Filtration, the Spring and Tait facilities are operating satisfactorily. The contractor was at the Hill facility today. The media is being treated and samples will be pulled for testing.

Regarding the Army Corp of Engineer WWTP River Bank Project, there has been a pre-construction meeting. They began mobilizing equipment today. The Louisiana contractor was the low bidder from the HUB zone.

6. **Second Reading of Resolution 238-21, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding of a Community Development Grant to the City of Columbus for the Purchase of a Fairway Mower for the Columbus Municipal Golf Course.**

Gobert read Resolution 238-21 for a second time.

7. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 238-21, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding of a Community Development Grant to the City of Columbus for the Purchase of a Fairway Mower for the Columbus Municipal Golf Course.**

Motion to approve Resolution 238-21, a resolution approving expenditures of 4B revenues over \$10,000 for a grant to the City of Columbus for the purchase of a fairway mower for the Columbus Municipal Golf Course.

Moved by: Gary Swindle

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Ayes: Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, Ronny Daley, Gary Swindle, and Sandra Frnka

Carried 5-0

8. **First Reading of Resolution 239-21, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding of a Community Development Grant to the Boys & Girls Club of Champion Valley for the Purchase Lighting and Security Cameras for their Sports Pavilion.**

Gobert read Resolution 239-21 for the first time.

9. **First Reading of Resolution 240-21, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding of a Business Improvement Grant to Kim and Drew**

Lynch to Help with Facade Improvements to the Building at 1008 Milam Street.

Gobert read Resolution 240-21 for the first time.

10. First Reading of Resolution 241-21, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with Less than 20,000 Residents for Funding of a Business and Economic Development Grant to Blake's for facade and exterior improvements for a new restaurant location .

Gobert read Resolution 241-21 for the first time.

Chris Christensen addressed Council regarding his concerns on this item and eye sores within the City. Gobert replied these are 4B Sales Tax Funds, not HOT Funds being disbursed by CCIDC. There are special requirements for those funds to be disbursed.

11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2021 Fire Marshal Report.

Fire Marshal, Brent Allen Gorman, Jr., gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Gorman highlighted the inspections, consults, investigation, total fire calls, and public education. Gorman stated Martinez Architects had been out and surveyed the station and will return with possibilities and renderings for the fire department.

No action was needed.

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2021 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement officer, Richard LaCourse, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. LaCourse reported 35 total permits as well as highlighting the permits and completed inspections.

No action was needed.

13. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2021 Police Report.

Police Chief, Skip Edman, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Edman highlighted officer training, the CISD reunification planning meeting, passing of the CJIS audit, and the employment of two mental health employees hired by Texana through a federal grant.

No action was needed.

14. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Daley - none

Swindle - none

Frnka - none

Rankin - wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Gobert - Stated Judy Weaver is no longer with the City and she will be missed; Marcella Pflughaupt is the new utility billing clerk.

15. Announcements


Warschak wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

16. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



Mayor Lori An Gobert



Bana Schneider, City Secretary

ATTEST:

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.