



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022, 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
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba
Councilman – Michael Ridlen
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs (Absent)

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

3.1. **Approval of Invoices** [INVOICES 08.08.2022.pdf](#)

3.2. **Approval of Minutes of the August 1, 2022 Special Meeting**

[MINUTES 08.01.2022.pdf](#) 

4. **Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).** [INVOICES COLUMBUS TIRE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve invoices for Columbus Tire Center.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Aye Michael Ridlen, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Abstain Paige Sciba

Carried 4-0

5. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹**

There were no citizen comments.

6. **City Manager's Report Including the McCormick WWTP Riverbank Project, the MLK Street Sidewalk Project, and the Hwy 90 East River Bridge Project.** [CM REPORT.pdf](#)



City Manager, Donald Warschak gave his report, a copy is attached to these minutes. He gave status updates on the McCormick WWTP, the MLK Street Sidewalk and the Hwy 90 East River Bridge projects.

7. **Consideration and Action to Approve a Budget Amendment for Library Grant Proceeds and Associated Expenditures.** [BUDGET AMENDMENT LIBRARY GRANT.pdf](#) 

Councilman Rankin stated Library Director, Susan Chandler does such a great job at finding alternate sources of funding for the library.

Motion to approve the library budget amendment as presented.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

8. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the July 2022 Golf Report.**

[GOLF JULY 2022.pdf](#) 

John Mangini, treasurer of CMGA, gave the report. A copy is attached to these minutes. He spoke about the new board and the upcoming tournament schedule. Mangini also stated they currently have 106 members.

No action was required.

9. Consideration and Action to Declare a 2014 Police Tahoe, VIN 1GNLC2E00ER200220, as Surplus Property. [POLICE SURPLUS.pdf](#) 

Motion to declare a 2014 police Tahoe as surplus property.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

10. Discussion of Budget Workshop

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, discussed general fund payroll for all departments, and the use of ARPA funding for the two roof projects.

Council focused on the Utility Fund deficit due to large maintenance and capital projects scheduled for the upcoming year. They asked for the effects of possible rate increases, as well as moving some of the projects to other years.

- 10.1. **Budget Assumptions and Wish List**
- 10.2. **General Fund**
- 10.3. **Special Revenue Fund And Debt Service**
- 10.4. **Utility Fund**
- 10.5. **Combined Fund Summary, Capital Projects**

11. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - None

Daley - None

Sciba - None

Ridlen - Please pray for rain

Rankin - The IRS will be adding 68,000 new agents which will cost about \$8 billion

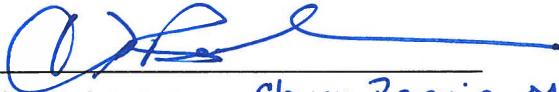
Mayor - She has received an invitation for council to visit Jordan Ranch so we need to look at the calendar and pick some days that might work; gave an update on the City's CAD board representative

12. Announcements

There were no announcements.

13. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



~~Lori An Gobert, Mayor~~ *Chuck Rankin, Mayor Pro Tem*

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.