



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2023, 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

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 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: 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 20231127.pdf](#)

3.2 **Approval of Minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting**
[MINUTES 20231113.pdf](#)

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

Chris Christensen addressed Council regarding the newest addition of dining in Columbus. A mobile food bus. There is an additional one down the street with dining under an outdoor tent. He was concerned about the permitting of these mobile establishments.

Gobert read a proclamation for the Boys & Girls Club of Champion Valley Shop with a Copy in honor of Paul Wiedo for December 12, 2023.

5. City Manager's Report Including Sewer Averaging, Utility Billing, Mid-Town Park Improvements, TxDOT Projects Updates, and the PHMSA Pipeline Grant. [CM](#)

[REPORT.pdf](#) 

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Additionally, on Friday, there was a 12" water main break that had to be repaired and restored.

Warschak also stated the Visitor Center has been decorated for Christmas. Please go by and check it out. There is also a mailbox for Letters to Santa onsite.

6. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 273-23, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8, Offenses and Nuisances, Article 8.03, Minors, Division 2, Curfew of the Code of Ordinances. [ORDINANCE 273-23 - REPEAL OF MINOR CURFEW.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Ordinance 273-23.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Carried 5-0

7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2023 Fire Marshal

Report. [FIRE MARSHAL OCTOBER 2023.pdf](#) 

Fire Marshal, Brent Gorman, was not present to give his report due to being at his full-time job. A copy is attached to these minutes.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding October 2023 Code Enforcement

Report. [CODE ENFORCEMENT OCTOBER 2023.pdf](#) 

Code Enforcement, Richard LaCourse, was in Law Enforcement school and was not present to present his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2023 Police Report. [CPD](#)

[STATS OCTOBER 2023.pdf](#) 

Police Chief, Skip Edman, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Edman stated Travis Kent retired, and there was a Facebook ad circulating that drew in two candidates. One has been selected to sponsor through the academy for hiring.

Ridlen asked if he had received the Narcan. Edman stated no, but they do have some.

No action was needed.

10. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - none

Rankin - none

Gobert - Lighted Christmas Parade is tomorrow evening with the lighting of the tree. She encouraged Council members to attend.

11. Announcements

There were none.

12. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.



Lori An Gobert, Mayor

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.