



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024, 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 (Absent)
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Code Enforcement – Richard LaCourse

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 Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and
Ronny Daley

Carried 4-0

3.1 Approval of Invoices [INVOICES_20240108.pdf](#)

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the December 22, 2023 Regular Meeting [MINUTES_20231222.pdf](#)

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation). [COLUMBUS TIRE_20240108.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the Columbus Tire invoices as presented.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

Aye Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Abstain Paige Sciba

Carried 3-0

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments'

There were none.

6. City Manager's Report Including Sewer Averaging, Utility Billing, TxDOT Projects Updates, the PHMSA Pipeline Grant, and the Texas A&M University Transportation Study. [CM REPORT.20240108.pdf](#)

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

Gobert questioned if they do not complete the signal project within the next 80 days, do they have to go back out for bids. Warschak replied he did not know their process, but assumed it was similar to the City and they would have to find someone to complete the project.

7. Consideration and Action to Appoint a New Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending December 2025.

Motion to approve Mike Long to the unexpired term on P & Z.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 4-0

8. Consideration and Action to Reappoint Two Members to the Planning & Zoning Commission for Three Year Terms Ending December 2026.

Motion to reappoint the two members to P&Z.

Moved by: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Carried 4-0

9. Consideration and Action to Approve a Joint Election Contract with the Colorado County Elections Administrator for the May 4, 2024 General Election. [JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT 2024.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the joint election contract with the Colorado County Elections Administrator.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 4-0

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the December 2023 Golf Report. [GOLF DECEMBER 2023.pdf](#)

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, reviewed the report with Council.

No action was required.

11. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - absent

Rankin - none

Gobert - Happy New Year; Condolences to Councilman Rankin, the visitation is Wednesday from 4-6 p.m.; there is an HGAC meeting here on January 30th from 8:30-11 a.m. to present what they can do for the area; she encouraged members to attend.

12. Announcements

Schneider gave information on the candidate filing period and election packets.

13. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 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.