



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 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
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

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: Keith Cummings

Seconded by: Ronny Daley

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

Carried 5-0

3.1 Approval of Invoices [INVOICES 20240212.pdf](#)

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the January 22, 2023 Regular Meeting

[MINUTES 20240122.pdf](#) 

3.3 Approval of the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31,

2023 [INVESTMENT REPORT 12-31-2023.pdf](#) 

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices for Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation). [COLUMBUS TIRE 20240212.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the Columbus Tire invoices as presented.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Abstain Paige Sciba

Carried 4-0

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were no public comments.

6. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Sewer Averaging, Utility Billing, TxDOT Projects Update, the PHMSA Pipeline Grant, and the Texas A&M University

Transportation Study. [CM REPORT 20240212.pdf](#) 

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

Councilwoman Sciba questioned about any drainage studies. Warschak replied we have received a GLO grant, and they are close to releasing funds.

Councilman Daley questioned if there were going to be any other crosswalk controls installed at other locations in the City. Warschak replied they would look and consider other areas.

7. Consideration and Action Regarding Support to the Columbus Garden Club for the Spring Trash-Off Event. [TRASH-OFF 2024.pdf](#) 

Marian Schonenberg presented the Garden Club requests.

Motion to approve the support requested by the Garden Club.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 5-0

8. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary Regarding the Nesbitt Memorial Library Annual Report.** [NESBITT LIBRARY 2023.pdf](#) 

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 274-24, a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation Resilient Communities Program Project Application; Authorizing the Mayor to Act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all Matters Pertaining to the City's Participation in the Community Development & Revitalization Program.** [RESOLUTION 274-24 APPLICATION SUBMISSION GLO CDBG.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Resolution 274-24.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin

Seconded by: Paige Sciba

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

Carried 5-0

10. **Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 275-24, a Resolution Declaring City-Owned Personal Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Sale.** [RESOLUTION 275-24 SURPLUS PROPERTY.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve Resolution 275-24.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Carried 5-0

11. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the January 2024 Golf Report.**

[GOLF JANUARY 2024.pdf](#) 

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

No action was required.

12. **Items from Councilmembers²**

Cummings - Noticed the Texas flag is very tattered and faded at the golf course and should be replaced.

Daley - Valentine's Day is coming up.

Sciba - Get your King Cake tomorrow.

Ridlen - Commended the Mayor and all staff as well as everyone who worked on obtaining the wastewater grant.

Rankin - Commended the Mayor on her grant application work.

Gobert - Thanked Dinah for the cookie with throw kindness decorations that go along with the Wellness Council's Kindness Awareness month.

13. Announcements

Schneider - Friday, 5 p.m. is the deadline to file for a place on the May general election ballot.

14. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 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.