

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Richard Heffley			
		Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg	
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson			
		Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka	
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin			
		City Manager	-		David Meisell
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser			

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Heffley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Heffley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Heffley then moved to the Fire Department Activity, 2007 from the City Manager's Report. Fire Chief Bobby Walla discussed the report. The need for an Air Compressor System that would enable the Fire Department to refill air packs at a fire location was discussed. Chief Walla will look into the cost of the system and also the possibility of a grant.

Mayor Heffley expressed his gratitude to the department.

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of invoices.

b. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2008 Regular Meeting.

c. December financial statement.

Councilman Rankin moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

4. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

5. Discussion of City Manager's Report including City Hall Improvement Process, Drainage Improvements, Fire Department Activity, 2007, River Status, Annexation Update, Pump Failure, Spring Well, Water Plant Turn Around, Land Swap Discussion, City and CISD, TDS Dumpster Transition.

David Meisell presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes.

6. Consideration and Action to Appoint Council Position #5.

Mayor Heffley said he would like to fill the position with John Wagner. Councilman Richardson voiced his approval of Mr. Wagner.

Councilman Rankin was concerned if other people wanted to be considered. Councilman Rankin added that when he was appointed, several other people were interested at that time, but did not file in subsequent elections. Councilman Schonenberg said Mr. Wagner would be a good addition to Council. Councilwoman Frnka said she would like the position to stay open.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to appoint John Wagner to Council Position #5. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin
Nay: Councilwoman Frnka.

The motion passed.

7. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Official, Position #5 by Mayor Richard Heffley.

Mayor Heffley administered the Oath of Office to John W. Wagner and welcomed him to the Council.

Mayor Heffley then moved to Agenda Item #10.

10. Consideration and Action to Award Bid 2007 Water Plant Improvements - Chlorination Building Replacement.

Donald Warschak, City Engineer, explained the SCADA System. He said the City Park will house the main system. Signals from the Water wells and the lift stations will be transmitted to the main system. The Industrial Park System will not be connected.

Mr. Warschak explained the Water Plant Improvements. There was one

bid received on the Chlorination Building Replacement Project. Lonestar Prestress submitted a bid for \$53,700 for three 8'x8'x8' buildings and a 10'x building.

Councilwoman Frnka moved to approve the bid from Lonestar Prestress for \$53,700 for the Chlorination Building Replacement. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin, Wagner
Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Award Bid 2007 Water Plant Improvements - Chlorination Equipment Replacement. Mr. Warschak said one bid was received for the Chlorination Equipment Replacement Project. A bid received from Moody Bros. was received for \$69,800. Several add-on options including automatic shutoffs for \$0000, sniffers for \$8,400. Councilwoman Frnka moved to award the bid was Chlorination Equipment Replacements for \$69,800 and the optional sniffers for \$8,400 for a total of \$78,200 to Moody Bros. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin, Wagner
Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

8. Discussion and Action Regarding Garden Club's Columbus Trash Off Day. Marian Schonenberg of the Columbus Garden Club discussed the Club's plans for its annual Columbus Trash Off Day on April 5, 2008. Headquarters will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Extra free pickups of garbage will be provided by the City's current garbage supplier, Texas Disposal System. The city was asked to help with the following:

'''''''''' Councilman Rankin moved to approve the City's participation in the Garden Club's Columbus Trash Off Day on April 5th. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin, Wagner
Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Submit a Proposed Subdivision of a .64 Acre Tract located in the Lawrence Hodde Addition, 200 King; Such Application Requesting Said Tract be Subdivided into Two (2) Lots (.042 Acres and .598 Acres) to the Planning & Zoning Committee for Recommendation and Report and as requested by Murle K Rhodes Estate. Mr. Meisell explained the Request by the Murle K Rhodes Estate. They intend to sell the small lot to the Naumann Estate so that the Estate would be able to have a 60 foot right of way which would allow access to their remaining 20 acres. Currently access is limited. Councilman Rankin moved to submit a proposed subdivision of a .64 acre tract located in the Lawrence Hodde Addition, 200 King; Such Application Requesting Said Tract be Subdivided into Two (2) Lots (.042 Acres and .598 Acres) to the Planning & Zoning Committee for Recommendation and Report and as requested by Murle K Rhodes Estate. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin, Wagner
Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed

12. Consideration and Action to approve Mayor's appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2010.

Mayor Heffley stated that Annie Mae Hargrove and Judy Barrett have agreed to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission Board. Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Annie Mae Hargrove and Judy Barrett to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board for a term ending December 31, 2010. Councilwoman Frnka seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin, Wagner
Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed

13. Consideration and Action to Approve an Order to Call for a General Municipal Election on Saturday, May 10, 2008 to fill the Alderman Positions 3, 4, and 5.

Councilman Richardson moved to approve an order to call for a General Municipal Election on Saturday, May 10, 2008 to fill Alderman

Positions 3.4, and 5. Councilwoman Frnka seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin, Wagner
Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action to Adopt Resolution 51-08 Approving the City Investment Policy pursuant to Public Funds Investment Act. Councilman Richardson moved to adopt Resolution 51-08, approving the City Investment Policy pursuant to Public Funds Investment Act. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin, Wagner
Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

15. Discussion of December Police Report.

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, presented the December Police Report.

16. Items from Councilmembers.2

Councilman Wagner - no comment.

Councilman Rankin - no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg expressed his gratitude to Councilman Wagner and welcomed him to the Council.

Councilwoman Frnka welcomed Councilman Wagner. She also thanked Michael Poncik for picking up loose dogs in her neighborhood.

Councilman Richardson expressed his appreciation to Councilman Wagner for joining the Council.

17. Announcements.

There were not additional announcements.

18. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mayor Heffley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor, Richard Heffley

ATTEST:

Patti Glaeser, City Secretary

1 During 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.

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.

2 Limited 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.