

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 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			
Councilman				John Wagner	
		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.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of invoices.
 - b. Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2008 Regular Meeting.
 - c. Approval of January Financial Statements.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the consent agenda.

Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Approve a Budget Amendment for Purchase of Fire Department Air Compressor System.
Fire Chief, Bobby Walla, discussed the Air Compressor System. He said the Fire Department is committed to paying for half of the total cost of the system. Patti Glaeser said there is approximately \$78,000 in the Fire Equipment Fund. Councilman Richardson moved to approve the budget amendment to purchase the air compressor system for the fire department for \$15,000. Councilwoman Frnka seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Rankin, Wagner
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, Sewer Plant Drying Bed Update, River Status, Annexation Update, Water Plant Turn-Around, Water Pumpage History, Drive Through Intercom, Incode Building Projects Module, City Park Fence Posts, TMRS.

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

6. Discussion and Action of Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) Quarterly Report.

Mayor Heffley stated that at the last meeting the City Council received an inadequate report from CCVB. For this meeting, a letter and new quarterly financial statements were received from Chris Arthur. Mr. Arthur was in attendance and commented that he "cleaned up" CCVB entries. Jay Altieri, a CCVB board member was in attendance, but said he was there to discuss the bylaws (Agenda Item #7). No one else from the CCVB was in attendance.

A discussion ensued.

The Council agree that the first three pages of the financial statements were sufficient in meeting their request for quarterly financial statements. These include a Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement, and Quarter P&L budget vs. Actual (Condensed). Councilman Rankin moved to approve the report. Councilwoman Frnka seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. Discussion and Action of Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) Bylaws.

Jay Altieri, CCVB Board member, was in attendance to discuss the CCVB Bylaws. Mr. Meisell reviewed a timeline of events leading to the

current bylaws. Mr. Meisell and Mr. Altieri made several attempts to develop final bylaws that both the CCVB and the City Council would approve. The Council finalized several areas of concern. The council instructed Mr. Meisell to deliver to the CCVB final revisions to the bylaws. They asked that the CCVB approve the Bylaws and return them to City Council for final approval on March 10, 2008.

8. Consideration and Action to Grant or Refuse Petition from Landowners for Annexation by the City of Columbus of 9.5 Acres of Land in the Elizabeth Tumlinson League, Abstract No. 44, Colorado County, Texas.

A Petition for annexation of 9.5 acres of Land in the Elizabeth Tumlinson League, Abstract no. 44, Colorado County, Texas (south of McDonalds and east of Highway 71 S) by four landowners was presented for approval. Councilman Rankin moved to grant a petition from landowners for annexation by the City of Columbus of 9.5 acres of land in the Elizabeth Tumlinson League, Abstract No. 44, Colorado County, Texas. 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 Approve Resolution 52-08 Setting the Dates, Times, and Places for Public Hearings on the Proposed Annexation of Certain Property by the City of Columbus, Texas and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Publish Notices of such Public Hearings.

Mr. Meisell presented a resolution and a calendar of events for the annexation process. The first public hearing will be held on March 10, 2008. The second will be on March 25, 2008. Councilman Rankin moved to approve Resolution 52-08, Setting the Dates, Times, and Places for Public Hearings on the Proposed Annexation of Certain Property by the City of Columbus, Texas and authorizing and directing the Mayor to publish notices of such Public Hearing. Councilwoman Frnka seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Approve the Sale of Excess Equipment at Auction April 26, 2008.

Councilman Richardson moved to approve the sale of excess equipment at Auction April 26, 2008. Councilwoman Frnka 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 a Budget Amendment for the Purchase of a Ford F-450 Dump Bed.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$32,000 for the purchase of a Ford F-450 Dump Bed in the Public Works department. Councilman Rankin 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 a Budget Amendment for the Purchase of a Dump Truck.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$76,000 for the purchase of a tandem axel dump truck, split between Public Works and the Utility Departments. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action to Approve a Budget Amendment for the Library, Catherine Dumarese Trust Grant for Purchase of Library Computers and Children's Furniture.

Councilman Rankin moved to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$17,600 for the Library, Catherine Dumarese Trust Grant for the purchase of library computers and children's furniture. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

15. Discussion of January 2008 Police Report.

Police Chief, Danny Jackson presented his January 2008 Police Report.

16. Items from Councilmembers.2

Councilman Wagner - commented he would like to honor Erwin Knippel for

his service to the City of Columbus for 42 years of weather reporting for the National Weather Service.

Councilman Rankin - no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg - no comment.

Councilwoman Frnka - no comment

Councilman Richardson - no comment.

Mayor Heffley expressed his appreciation of Council for their input.

17. Announcements.

There were no additional announcements.

18. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mayor Heffley declared the meeting adjourned at 10:09 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.