

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Tuesday, November 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
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
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 the invocation.

Mayor Heffley then moved to Agenda Item #8.

8. Discussion and Approval to Move Forward with the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Easement Dedication.

Colorado County Commissioners Herbie Helmcamp and Doug Wessels were present to explain the plans to extend County Road 2104, west of Glidden, east to the Industrial Park, to Texas Avenue, to Highway 71 Bypass. This plan originated with Union Pacific Railroad wanting to close the Railroad Crossing at CR 2104, in Glidden. Texas Department of Transportation, Colorado County, and the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC) support the idea. CCIDC would grant a 50' easement to the County for the road extension. TXDOT will contribute funds to the project. The County will be responsible for maintaining the road.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve moving forward with the CCIDC Easement Dedication. Councilman Wagner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Invoices.

b. Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

4. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.ⁱ

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

5. **Discussion of City Manager's Report including Water Project, Water Leak, Curbs and Gutters, River Status, Water Pumpage History, Second Motel, Gas Leak in Alleyton.**

City Manager, David Meisell, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Meisell displayed one of the three 1910 year model fire hydrants that were replaced as part of the Water Project.

6. **Consideration and Action to Submit a Proposed Subdivision of a .5932 Acre Lot located in Block 136 in the E. Tumlinson Survey, Abstract No. 44; 1715 Highway 71 S; Such Application Requesting Said Lot be Subdivided into Two (2) Lots (.0233 Acres and .5699 Acres) to the Planning and Zoning Committee for Recommendation and Report and as requested by John Mau.**

Councilman Richardson moved to submit a proposed subdivision of a .5932 Acre Lot located in Block 136 in the E. Tumlinson Survey, Abstract No. 44; 1715 Highway 71 S; such application requesting said Lot be Subdivided into Two (2) Lots (.0233 Acres and .5699 Acres) to the Planning and Zoning Committee for Recommendation and Report and as requested by John Mau. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

7. **Consideration and Action to Submit a Subdivision of a 149.595 Acre Tract Located in the A-46 J Tumlinson Survey in the City's ETJ; Such Application Requesting Said Tract be Subdivided into Two (2) Tracts (34.647 Acre Tract and 114.948 Acre Tract) to the Planning and Zoning Committee for Recommendation and Report and as requested by Randy Hester.**

Councilman Tesch moved to submit a subdivision of a 149.595 Acre Tract Located in the A-46 J Tumlinson Survey in the City's ETJ; such application requesting said Tract be Subdivided into Two (2) Tracts (34.647 Acre Tract and 114.948 Acre Tract) to the Planning and Zoning Committee for Recommendation and Report and as requested by Randy Hester. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

9. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Revised Bylaws of the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation.**

The Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC) presented revised bylaws for Council approval. The revision includes the following clause: "Of the seven (7) directors, not less than five (5) directors shall reside in the city and not more than two (2) directors can reside outside the city but within the county. Any director living outside the city but within the county must own or be actively employed at a business within the city limits." Several other grammar changes were also made. City Attorney, Ty Prause, approved the revisions. Councilman Tesch moved to approve the revised bylaws of the CCIDC. Councilman Wagner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

10. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Wagner asked that a stress management program for city employees be discussed at the next meeting. He will propose three sessions at approximate \$2,100 each.

Councilman Tesch wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving".

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

11. Announcements.

Mayor Heffley reminded Council of the Firemen's Christmas Party on December 5th and the City's Annual Awards Banquet on December 16th.

12. Adjournment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor, Richard Heffley

ATTEST:

Patti Glaeser, 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.

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.
