

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Tuesday, December 23, 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 (left at 7:25 p.m.)
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 December 11, 2008 Regular Meeting.**
- c. **Approval of November Financial Statements.**

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

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

4. **Citizen's Presentations and Comments.**¹

Ken Sparks asked the Council to consider renaming the Texas Room in the Library the "Bill Stein Texas Room" as a tribute to Bill Stein. He also asked that a plaque be located in the room commemorating Bill Stein. He asked that no public funds be used. He will secure funds.

5. **Discussion of City Manager's Report including Water Project, Glidden Fresh Water District Contract, TML Update, Lease Contract, River Status, Water Pumpage History.**

City Manager, David Meisell, presented his City Manager's Report, which is attached to these minutes. In addition to Item #2, Glidden Fresh Water District Contract, Mr. Meisell said that several area small towns were surveyed concerning their sewer rates. Rates averaged around \$33.00 per resident per month. The contract the City had proposed to Glidden was at \$6,000 a month or \$24.00 per resident.

6. **Discussion and Update with the Library Board.**

Patty Simmons, President of the Nesbitt Library Board, discussed the Board's intentions regarding the Nesbitt Library. They plan on continuing business as usual. The Library Cemetery Tour, speakers and programs will continue. Alma Hilburn was introduced as the Interim Library Director. She will serve for six months.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 58-08 – Archival Division.

David Meisell explained Resolution 58-08 establishing an Archival Division of the Library as required in a bequest to the Library.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve Resolution 58-08 – Archival Division. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Award Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Grant Awards.

Councilman Tesch left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Councilman Wagner moved to award Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation Grant Awards as follows:

Columbus Little League: Painting Renovations at Softball Field	\$ 1,350.00
Columbus Little League: Community Park Ball Field Lighting Project	\$10,000.00
Columbus Garden Club: Community Enhancements – Various Parks Courthouse Square	\$ 3,638.65
Columbus Ballparks Renovations, Inc.: Baseball Field, Walkway and Gate	\$ 3,531.35
Columbus Ballparks Renovations, Inc.: Lightening Protection Program, All Sports Fields around Memorial Park	<u>\$17,480.00</u>
Total	\$36,000.00

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

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Wagner

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Award Fuel Bids.

Patti Glaeser presented the Fuel Bids, which were opened on December 19th at 10:00am as follows:

	\$/gallon	\$/gallon
	Over OPIS Price	Over OPIS Price
	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Gasoline</u>
Thomas Petroleum, La Grange	\$.0736	\$.0746
Colorado County Oil, Columbus	\$.1000	\$.1000
Johnson Oil Company, Gonzales	\$.1347	\$.1259

Councilman Richardson moved to award the fuel bid contract to Thomas Petroleum, of La Grange for a period of six months. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Schonenberg, Wagner

The motion passed.

10. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Wagner said a Japanese medical manufacturing firm will look at the Industrial Park in January.

Councilman Schonenberg commented that the CCIDC has a good Board.

Councilman Richardson – no comment

Mayor Heffley said that Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue distribution standards must be met. He encouraged Council to set their own standards that meet current and future needs. He wished everyone a "Merry Christmas".

11. Announcements.

There were no additional announcements.

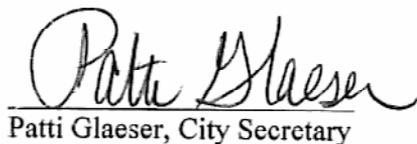
12. Adjournment.

Mayor Heffley adjourned the meeting at 7:35 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.