

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 1538 Hwy 71 S, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen	
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg	
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson	
Councilman	-	John Axel	
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch	
Councilman	-	John Wagner	
City Manager	-		David Meisell
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser	
Attorney	-	Barbara Boulware-Wells	
Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson	
Utility Superintendent	-	Wayne Karstadt	

1. **Call to Order.**

Mayor Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

a. **Approval of Invoices.**

b. **Approval of Minutes June 11, 2009 Regular Meeting.**

c. **Approval of May Financial Statements.**

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the Invoices. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the Minutes from June 11, 2009. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

Councilman Richardson moved to approve the May Financial Statements. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

4. **Consideration and Action to Approve Invoice from B & D Services, Inc.**

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the invoice from B&D Services, Inc. in the amount of \$342.50. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, and Wagner
Abstain: Councilman Tesch

The motion passed.

Mayor Dungen then closed the regular meeting at 6:39 pm to move to Agenda Item #7.

7. **Executive Session: in Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney Regarding Glidden Fresh Water District and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.**

Mayor Dungen adjourned the regular meeting at 6:39 pm so the Council could go into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney Regarding Glidden Fresh Water District and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

8. **Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session - Glidden Fresh Water District and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.**

Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session at 8:06 pm. Councilman Richardson moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed with mediation with Glidden Fresh Water District as recommended by City Council. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

9. **Executive Session: in Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney Regarding Funding Issues of the City of Columbus and Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC).**

Mayor Dungen adjourned the regular meeting at 8:08pm so the Council could go into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney Regarding Funding Issues of the City of Columbus and Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC).

10. **Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session Regarding Funding Issues of the City of Columbus and Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC).**

Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session at 8:28pm. Councilman Richardson moved to authorize the City Manager to work with the Attorney regarding funding issues of the City of Columbus and the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC). Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, Wagner

The motion passed.

5. **Citizen's Presentations and Comments.** ^[1]

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

6. **Discussion of City Manager's Report including City Hall Construction, Sewer Plant Renovations, River Status, Water Pumpage History, Economic Indicators, Priority of Issues for FY2010, Railroad Grade Crossings, New Road in Ag Complex, Public Works Update, Hwy 71 Ditch Improvements, Fayette Savings Robbery, Sheriff's Letter of Commendation.**

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

11. **Discussion and Action Regarding CCIDC Minutes of May Meeting.**

The Minutes of the CCIDC meeting of May 18, 2009 were presented. No action was taken.

12. **Discussion and Action Regarding CCIDC Past, Present, and Future.**

Councilman Wagner moved to table Agenda Item #12 until the next meeting. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Wagner

The motion passed.

13. **Consideration and Action to Award Fuel Bid for the Period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.**

The following Fuel Bids were received:

FUEL BID	GAS	DIESEL
Thomas Petroleum - La Grange	\$0.0746	\$0.0736
Colorado County Oil - Columbus	\$0.0800	\$0.0800
Johnson Oil - Gonzales	\$0.1159	\$0.1247

Councilman Schonenberg moved to award the fuel bid to Thomas Petroleum of La Grange for the low bid of \$.0746 for Gasoline and \$.0736 for Diesel for the period of July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Wagner

The motion passed.

14. **Discussion and Action Regarding May Police Report.**

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, presented the May Police Report, which is attached to these minutes. No action was taken.

15. **Presentation and Discussion of Open Meetings Training.**

Councilman Tesch moved to table Agenda Item #15. Councilman Axel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Wagner

The motion passed.

16. **Items from Councilmembers.**²

Councilman Wagner – no comment.
Councilman Tesch – no comment.
Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.
Councilman Axel – no comment.
Councilman Richardson - no comment.

17. **Announcements.**

Mayor Dungen mentioned the power grids and the possibility of rolling blackouts.

18. **Adjournment.**

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

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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.

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.