

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., 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 (Absent)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assist. City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Utilities Superintendent	-	Wayne Karstadt

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected City Officials.

Mayor Dungen administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected city officials - Curtiss Schonenberg, Council Place 3; Bruce Tesch, Council Place 4; and Chuck Rankin, Council Place 5. Councilman Rankin took his place as councilman at 6:35 pm.

4. Consideration and Action to Appoint a mayor pro tem.

Mayor Dungen asked Councilman Schonenberg if he was ready to continue as mayor pro tem. Councilman Schonenberg stated that he would continue if the council so wished.

Councilman Richardson moved to appoint Councilman Schonenberg mayor pro tem. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2010 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2010 Special Meeting.
- d. Approval of March 2010 Financial Statements.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

6. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no Citizen's comments or presentations.

7. City Manager Report including Charter Street Water Improvements, EECBG Grant Application, Economic Indicators, Ground Storage Tank Cleaning, Austin Street Railroad Crossing, Water Well Grant Project Update, La Quinta Hotel.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes. In addition, he informed Council that the recent water improvements were an asset during the fire call at the nursing facility on Sweetbriar that afternoon. The city manager stated that the addition of fire hydrants and having the facility on a loop instead of at a dead end would have been important if the fire had been larger.

8. Consideration and Action to Amend Ordinance 107-10 to Appoint Second Member to the City of Columbus-Colorado County Joint Airport Zoning Board.

Mayor Dungen explained that at the last regular meeting Dr. Todd Barfield was appointed to the Board by Council. Since the City is to appoint two members to the Board, Council needed to consider a second nominee. Councilman Schonenberg recommended Dr. Troy Millican.

Councilman Schonenberg moved to appoint Dr. Troy Millican to serve on the City of Columbus-Colorado County Joint Airport Zoning Board. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Budget Amendment for the Library.

Mayor Dungen told Council that this Budget Amendment details the receipt of \$12,384.50 from the Catherine Dumraese Trust and those funds' expenditures for books, audio/visual equipment, office supplies and office equipment.

Councilman Tesch moved to approve the Budget Amendment for the Library. Councilman Richardson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Discussion and Action Regarding April Police Report.

Police Chief Jackson presented his report of April Police Activity. No action was taken.

11. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – welcomed Councilman Rankin. He also said that the Quickrete plant may be interested in using the city as their natural gas supplier again. He asked that there be an item on the next agenda to designate someone to negotiate with them.

Councilman Tesch – said that he was glad to be back on council and welcomed Councilman Rankin. He also stated that there would be a baseball tournament for nine and ten year olds held in Columbus this summer. He would like to see the parking that is to be provided across the street from the ball fields by the School District be made available by then. He would also like see the maintenance and cleaning of the park restrooms improved.

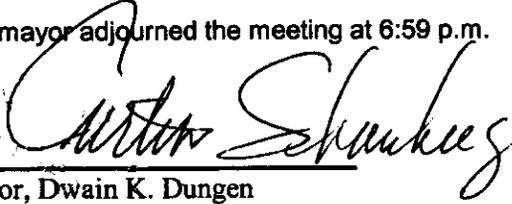
Councilman Rankin – stated that he would do his best to represent the citizens of Columbus.

12. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

13. Adjournment.

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen



ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, Assist. 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.