

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, November 10, 2011 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	-	Steve Woodall (Absent)
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Utilities Director	-	Jody Ripper
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**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 of October 27, 2011 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2011.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

Cheryl Cook thanked Council for their time. She said that she considers the Kerry R. Gilbert study to be an urban renewal plan. She said that the city is economically dependent upon service providers and that Council should protect them and the farmers and hunters. She said that the Colorado River is for drinking water and that there shouldn't be any new building or development along it. She told Council that she is not in favor of having new tourists or tubers on the river.

**5. City Manager's Report including Sales Tax, Water Usage, Texas Crossroads Business Park Water Tower, Cardinal Hill Water Plant Well, 2011 Street Improvements, and SECO Grant Project.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report which is attached to these minutes.

**6. Consideration and Action to Approve Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund Grants for 2011-2012.**

Mayor Dungen said that at the last meeting Council reviewed all of the applications and they planned to approve them at this meeting. His recommendations were to ask the Colorado County Fair to resubmit the application with details similar to those which were included on last year's application on how the money would be spent. Concerning the Community Empowerment Center Conference, he said that he was all for it but he would like them do some more planning and get more in line and then bring the application back to Council. He emphasized that they would not be saying no, but were just asking for more information.

On the FFA Alumni Barbeque Cook-Off, he said that in the past they have always been hesitant to fund entertainment with HOT funds. He would recommend that the grant be approved for the promotional portion which is \$1,200. He said that the Pilot Club also included funding for entertainment so he would again recommend only funding the promotional portion or \$750. He said that he would recommend that Council approve all of the other applications for the amounts requested.

Councilman Schonenberg said that he would also like a more detailed plan of action from the Chamber concerning reestablishing the Live Oak Festival. He said that he is concerned because the proposed date is the first weekend in November which is also the first weekend of deer season. He said that they will miss a lot of folks because of that and they might want to reconsider the timing.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to ask the Colorado County Fair, the Community Empowerment Center and the Live Oak Festival to resubmit their applications with more detail, to adjust the amount granted to the Columbus FFA Alumni to \$1,200, to adjust the amount granted to the Pilot Club to \$750, and to fund the remaining grants as requested. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion and Councilman Rankin pointed out that the Chamber will need to get moving on the Live Oak Festival because it will take so long to organize it. He made the suggestion that Council amend the motion to include the Live Oak Festival in the approved grants at this time and to have them come to Council with an amended report updating the progress on the Festival in six months. Councilman Schonenberg so amended his motion. Councilman Tesch seconded the amended motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Schonenberg, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**7. Consideration and Action if Necessary on the October 2011 Code Enforcement/Inspection Report.**

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, presented his October 2011 Code Enforcement/inspection Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He said that the City Attorney had advised him to start from the beginning on the substandard building letters for the properties that were not inspected last year.

Councilman Rankin asked if Ford had a list of businesses with certificates of occupation. Ford said only those who have received them since he has been with the City. Councilman Rankin also asked about the plan for yearly fire inspections. Ford said that he will begin with motels, apartment complexes, and nursing homes.

No action was necessary.

**8. Items from Councilmembers.<sup>2</sup>**

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

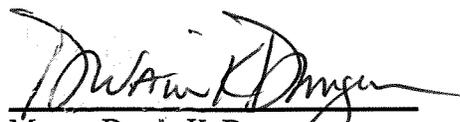
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

**9. Announcements.**

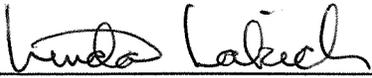
There were no announcements.

**10. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, City Secretary

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

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