

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, December 22, 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
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch (Absent)
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
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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 December 8, 2011 Regular Meeting.

After clarification on two invoices, Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report including Cardinal Hill Water Plant Well, Pool Well Motor, 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 Engagement Letter from Patillo, Brown & Hill for the September 30, 2011 Audit.

Mayor Dungen explained that this was the firm that conducted last year's audit, and council was told that City Management was satisfied with the firm's work on that audit.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the engagement letter from Patillo, Brown & Hill for the September 30, 2011 Audit. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund Grants for 2011-2012 – Community Empowerment Center.

Mayor Dungen said that this item had been postponed from the last meeting to give absent councilmen a chance to consider the application. He asked if anyone had any questions. Councilman Schonenberg said that he had talked with Joel Usher about the application and that he was in favor of approving the grant.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund Grant for 2011-2012 for \$15,000 to the Community Empowerment Center for advertising its Youth and Family Conference to be held in June 2012. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Award Fuel Bid for January 2012 thru June 2012.

Mayor Dungen told Council that there was only one bid received and that it was from Colorado County Oil. He said that the bid price was the same as the current price being paid by the City.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to award the fuel bid for January 2012 thru June 2012 to Colorado County Oil. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action if Necessary on the November 2011 Police Report.

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, presented his Police Report for November 2011, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

10. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Councilman Schonenberg – expressed the same wishes for the holiday.

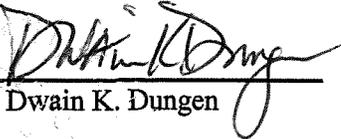
Councilman Rankin – told everyone that each year at Christmas UTEX employees raise money to contribute to local charities. This year the employees have raised approximately \$3,000 to be contributed to the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department. Councilman Rankin expressed his thanks for the hard work that the Fire Department has done in the past year.

11. Announcements.²

Mayor Dungen wished everyone safe and happy holidays.

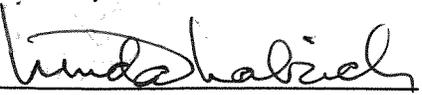
12. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, 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.

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