

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, March 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 (Absent)
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Cathy Ezell

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 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 of February 24, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Tesch and Rankin

Absent: Councilman Schonenberg

The motion passed.

4. **Consideration and action to approve invoices from Curtiss Automotive.**

Councilman Richardson made a motion to approve the invoices from Curtiss Automotive. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Tesch and Rankin

Absent: Councilman Schonenberg

The motion passed.

5. **Citizen's presentation and comments.**¹

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

6. **City Manager Report.**

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

7. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 116-11, an ordinance superceding and replacing sections of Chapter 13 Utilities of the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Columbus Texas.

City Secretary, Cathy Ezell stated that at the last meeting this ordinance was discussed and was coming back to City Council for adoption.

Councilman Rankin asked in Section 13.02.003 Application for Service what would be used for proof of ownership. Cathy Ezell stated that the settlement paper was normally used for new property purchases and CAD records could be used for longtime owners.

Councilman Rankin asked why would a copy of the owner's identification be required if the owner's authorization form was submitted. Cathy Ezell stated that it would be used to verify the signature of the owner on the form instead of having to have the form notarized.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 116-11, an ordinance superceding and replacing sections of Chapter 13 Utilities of the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Columbus, Texas. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Richardson, Axel, Tesch and Rankin

Absent: Councilman Schonenberg

The motion passed.

8. Review, discussion and take action as necessary on Water Well 3 located at 102 Park Street.

City Manager, Donald Warschak stated that last week there was excessive vibration on the well. He stated that J&S Water Well came out and pulled the well. Mayor Dungen stated that this was planned to be done next year. Donald Warschak stated that they ran a camera survey on the well. He stated that they found pea gravel in the strainer basket. He also stated that the well perforations are clogged.

Councilman Rankin asked if there was supposed to be uniformity in the perforations. Donald Warschak stated that the perforations are supposed to be uniform in size and round. He stated that in 2004 a camera survey was done and it showed about the same thing. He stated that this well was constructed in 1971.

Councilman Richardson asked how the problem could be fixed. Donald Warschak stated that the wall of the pipe had to be cleaned. Councilman Tesch asked how that could be done. Donald Warschak stated that they were using a brush to clean the perforations. He stated that the upper section had been completed but once they got to the bottom section the brushing tool came off and became stuck. He stated the company would be back to tomorrow to try to remove the tool again. He stated that once the tool was removed that they would clean out the bottom of the well and do a post cleaning camera survey.

Councilman Rankin asked what Donald's best guess was of what would have to be done. Donald Warschak stated that in 2004 they saw a seam in the pipe and that could be where the gravel was coming from but he was not sure. Councilman Rankin asked what would possibly have to be done. Donald Warschak stated that due to the age of the well the worst case would be that the well would have to be plugged and a new well would have to be drilled. He stated that the vendor had proposed inserting a new liner but that would make the size of the line go from 12 inches to 8 inches and a submersible pump would have to be added. He stated that this solution could have other issues and would have to be looked at closely. He stated that he would not be sure what would have to be done until the cleaning was completed.

No action was taken.

9. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.074, deliberations about Personnel Matters.

Mayor Dungen adjourned the Regular Session and entered Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

10. Reconvene into Regular Session and consideration and action, if any, regarding Executive Session, personnel matters.

Mayor Dungen reconvened the Regular Session at 7:25 p.m. He stated that there was no action to take as a result of the Executive Session. He stated that City Council was pleased and happy with the job Donald Warschak is doing as City Manager and that he was looking forward to a long working relationship with Donald.

11. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Richardson – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – absent.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

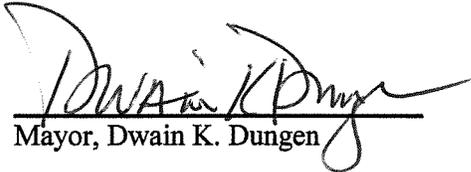
Mayor Dungen – no comment.

12. Announcements.

City Secretary, Cathy Ezell announced that the next the filing deadline for the applications to be placed on the ballot was Monday, March 14, 2011. She also stated that the next Council Meeting would be on March 24, 2011.

13. Adjournment.

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



Cathy Ezell, 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.

