

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, October 25, 2012 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 (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch (absent)
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser
Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Utilities Supervisor	-	Jody Ripper

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 11, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Schonenberg asked about the invoice from Biocope, Inc. for enzymatic grease treatment for the sewers. He asked if there was still a grease trap problem and requested an update at the next meeting on the grease trap ordinance. Councilman Woodall arrived at 6:36 p.m.

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Tesch

The motion passed.

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from B&D Graphics.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the invoices from B&D Graphics. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Tesch

The motion passed.

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Chris Christensen asked to address Council concerning the Automated Weather Observing System and Ceilometer. He said that he has aviation experience and that there is a lot of misinformation about the AWOS system. He told them that there are high costs associated with its maintenance and that there would be no economic value from it for the City. He told them that Eagle Lake is also trying to get an AWOS system at their airport and that they would be a better place for it.

6. City Manager's Report including Cardinal Hill Water Plant Well, Fall Water System Flushing, Surplus Items Auction, and GFOA Award.

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

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Appointment of a Library Advisory Board Member.

Mayor Dungen told Council that the Library Advisory Board has recommended Kathy Cass be appointed to the Board. She has been finishing a term on the Board that was opened when a member resigned.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the appointment of Kathy Cass as a Library Advisory Board Member. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Tesch

The motion passed.

8. First Reading of Resolution 112-12 a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations, with Less than 20,000 Residents for the Funding of a Grant to Colorado County for the Robert R. Wells, Jr. Airport to Assist in Purchasing an Automated Weather Observing System and Ceilometer.

Mayor Dungen read Resolution 112-12.

9. First Reading of Resolution 113-12 a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations, with Less than 20,000 Residents for the Funding of a Grant to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Housing Committee for Design, Engineering, and Permits for a Gateway to Columbus Project.

Mayor Dungen read Resolution 113-2.

10. Consideration and Action to Designate the City's Official Newspaper.

Mayor Dungen told Council that they are required to designate an official newspaper annually and that the current official newspaper is the *Colorado County Citizen*.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to designate the *Colorado County Citizen* as the City's official newspaper. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Tesch

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 114-12 Adopting the City of Columbus Investment Policy.

Mayor Dungen told Council that this item is also one which is required annually. He told them that there were no changes in the policy presented in comparison to the prior year's investment policy.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve Resolution 114-12 adopting the City of Columbus Investment Policy. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin
Absent: Councilman Tesch

The motion passed.

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the September 2012 Police Report.

Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, presented his September 2012 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He also gave them information on some of his activities in the prior month.

No action was necessary.

13. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – thanked the City Manager for getting requested information for him.

Councilman Rankin – explained the process for the 4B grants to Mr. Christensen, and told him that after a second reading at the next Council Meeting there would be an opportunity for discussion of the merits of the AWOS.

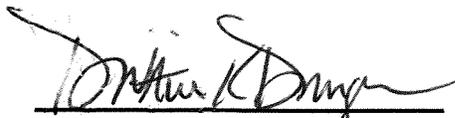
Mayor Dungen – reminded everyone that Halloween would be next week and ask them to watch for kids.

14. Announcements.²

There were no announcements.

15. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 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.