

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, April 11, 2013 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
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
City Attorney	-	Pat Gillespie
Animal Control Officer	-	Rudy Schmidt
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 March 28, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of February 2013 Financial Statements.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Joel Usher introduced Cyndi Koehn, Director of Operations for Boys and Girls Clubs of Champion Valley and Elijah Usher, a club member. He explained that in recognition of National Boys and Girls Club Week and Child Abuse Prevention Month Cyndi and Elijah would hand out lapel ribbons. Joel also announced that there would be an open house the following day at the Elementary School Cafeteria at 1:00 p.m. for the Boys and Girls Club.

5. City Manager's Report including Sales Tax, Columbus Garden Club Spring Trash Off, Hazardous Waste Collection Event, Cross Walk at Baseball Fields on Montezuma Street, Cardinal Hill Elevated Storage Tank.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Donald also told Council that the bond refinance pricing was completed that day and that the savings to the City would be approximately \$419,000. He also said that he had received

correspondence from TxDOT containing new proposed speed limits for Highway 71 South and that a proposed City ordinance to change the speed limits within the city limits would be on the next Council agenda.

6. Public Hearing Regarding Dangerous Dogs and Animal Care.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

City Attorney, Pat Gillespie, explained the changes that she made in the proposed ordinance after the last meeting.

Brenda Howard said that she was concerned that if an owner had several dogs in violation that they would only be fined once. Pat Gillespie said that the proposed ordinance provided that the fine was for each dog in violation. Ms. Howard also said that she had concerns about how close to the street a dog could be chained.

Mayor Dungen said that Pat had made changes to the City's existing ordinance and had added four pages to it concerning animal care. He said that after Pat has made some additional changes, that enforcement would be the key issue. He said that the City would be working on enforcement policies, and an emphasis would be placed on getting dogs registered.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

7. Consideration and Action Regarding Dangerous Dogs and Animal Care.

The consensus of Council was to ask Pat Gillespie to make some minor changes and bring back a proposed ordinance for approval at the next regular Council meeting.

No action was taken.

8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the March 2013 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, presented his March 2013 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

9. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – thanked Councilman Tesch for his help with the Spring Trash-Off.

Councilman Schonenberg – thanked the City for participating for the last seven years in the Spring Trash-Off.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

10. Announcements.²

There were no announcements.

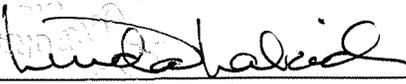
11. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:51 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.

