

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, June 13, 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
Animal Control Off.	-	Butch Schmidt

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 May 23, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of April 2013 Financial Statements.

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, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from B&D Services, Inc.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Joel Usher addressed Council giving them an update on the FOCUS Conference which will begin on Friday, June 21, 2013. He invited Council to attend.

6. City Manager's Report including Sales Tax, 2012 Water System Improvements, and Cardinal Hill Elevated Storage Tank.

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

Mayor Dungen moved to Item 8 on the Agenda.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 156-13 Alcoholic Beverages-Sales Near School, Church or Hospital.

Police Chief Lattimore explained the current City Ordinance states that alcoholic beverage dealers must be at least 300 feet from a school unless Council grants a variance. The proposed ordinance was drafted after receiving a request from Columbus ISD School Superintendent, Robert O'Connor, to extend the minimum distance from a school to 1,000 feet. Chief Lattimore said that he had spoken to the one business that is currently within 1,000 feet of a school, and that the owner has no problem with it. That business would be grandfathered in and also that Council would still be able to grant variances. Chief Lattimore explained that the ordinance would apply only to on premise alcohol sales and to businesses that receive more than fifty percent of their revenue from the sale of alcohol.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Ordinance 156-13 Alcoholic Beverages-Sales Near School, Church or Hospital. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Authorization to Advertise for Bids for 2013 Street Seal Coating.

Donald Warschak presented a map of the proposed area to be seal coated which he stated is approximately 44,000 square yards. He explained that they had pulled some streets in the area because of the proposed gas line going through. He stated that those streets would be seal coated after the gas lines are installed. He asked for authorization to advertise for bids.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to authorize the advertising for bids for the 2013 street seal coating. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property.

Mayor Dungen closed the regular session to enter into executive session at 6:50 p.m.

11. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Deliberations about Real Property.

Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session at 6:59 p.m. with the same members present as before.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to authorize Mayor Dungen to enter into a real estate contract as discussed in executive session. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Mayor moved to Item 7 on the Agenda.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve a Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Request for Lucky 7 Foundation, Inc./The Texas Super Ryde.

Mayor Dungen stated that Mr. Wilson had talked with Council about the event last year and that they are asking for a HOT grant of \$6,000 for advertising the event this year. Councilman Rankin said that their hotel occupancy numbers are very good.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the request for a Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant from Lucky 7 Foundation, Inc. for \$6,000 for advertising the Texas Super Ryde. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Mayor moved to Item 12 on the Agenda.

12. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the May 2013 Code Enforcement Report.

Donald Warschak presented the May 2013 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

13. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – said that he would like the Council to have a monthly report from the Fire Department.

Councilman Tesch – said that he also thought that a Fire Department report to Council would be a good idea. He also recognized Colton Matus who is working on his Eagle Scout rank.

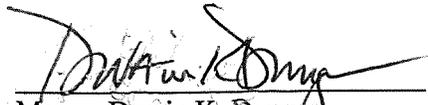
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

14. Announcements.²

Mayor Dungen announced that Council would need to have a special meeting on Monday, June 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:10 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.