

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, August 22, 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	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
City Attorney	-	Pat Gillespie

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 August 8, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2013 Special Meeting.
- d. Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2013 Special Meeting.
- e. Approval of July 2013 Financial Statements.

Councilman Axel 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, Hernandez, 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 Tower, 2012 Water System Improvements, and 2013 Street Improvements.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Donald Warschak also informed Council that AEP will be replacing all of their electric meters in the area by December as they convert to an auto-read system.

6. Public Hearing on the Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014.

Mayor Dungen opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m. He asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Mayor Dungen closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 125-13 Designating Administration and Engineering Service Providers for the 2013 Texas Capital Fund Award.

Donald Warschak explained that the 2013 Texas Capital Fund Award will be for the gas lines going to KW International. He said that only one proposal was received for administration services from GrantWorks, Inc. Also only one response was received for qualifications for engineering services on the project which was from John D. Mercer and Associates. Mr. Warschak said that the City had worked with both companies in the past and he would recommend awarding the contracts to them.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 125-13 designating GrantWorks, Inc. and John D. Mercer & Assoc. as administration and engineering service providers for the 2013 Texas Capital Fund Award. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 126-13 Designating Authorized Signators for the 2013 Texas Capital Fund Program.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve Resolution 126-13 authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Manager as signators for contractual documents and the Mayor, City Manager, and City Secretary as signators for fund requests for the 2013 Texas Capital Fund Program. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 127-13 Designating Administration and Engineering Service Providers for the 2013 Community Development Fund Award.

Donald Warschak explained that this was for the grant to replace water system aerators. He said that GrantWorks provided the only proposal for administration services. John D. Mercer & Associates and BEFCO Engineering both provided qualifications for engineering services on this project. The recommendation was to award the contract to John D. Mercer.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 127-13 designating GrantWorks, Inc. and John D. Mercer & Assoc. as administration and engineering service providers for the 2013 Community Development Fund Award. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Consideration Action to Approve Resolution 128-13 Designating Authorized Signators for the 2013 Community Development Fund Program.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve resolution 128-13 designating the Mayor as authorized signator for contractual documents and the Mayor, City Manager, and City Secretary as authorized signators for funds requests for the 2013 Community Development Fund Program. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Mayor Dungen moved to items 15 and 17 on the agenda.

Mayor Dungen closed the regular session to enter into executive session at 6:40 p.m.

15. **Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 – Consultations with Attorney.**
17. **Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.**

Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session at 7:30 p.m. with the same members present as before.

The Mayor moved to item 11 on the agenda.

11. **Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of Milam Street Beginning in Front of the Elementary School and Ending at Walnut Street, and Closure of Walnut Street to Veteran's Memorial Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Colorado County Fair Parade on Saturday, September 28, 2013.**

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the street closure as presented. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

12. **Consideration and Action to Approve Partial Closure of Crossroads Blvd. from 10 a.m. Friday, September 27th through Saturday, September 28th for the Colorado County Fair.**

The City Manager explained that the Fair Board would like to have the closure again this year to aid traffic flow during the County Fair.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the street closure as presented. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

13. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation 2013-2014 Budget.**

Councilman Schonenberg answered question regarding the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation 2013-2014 Budget.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation 2013-2014 Budget as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

14. Consideration and Action to Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$3,151 for Police Donations.

Linda Lakich explained that this amendment was to budget for donations that had been previously approved by Council.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$3,151 for Police Department donations as presented. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Mayor moved to Item 16 on the agenda.

16. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Consultations with Attorney.

Mayor Dungen explained that no action would be necessary. He moved to item 18 on the agenda.

18. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Personnel Matters.

Mayor Dungen explained that this was the annual review of the City Manager and that no action was necessary.

19. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the July 2013 Police Report.

Police Chief Bill Lattimore presented his July 2013 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

20. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

After a review of the 2013-2014 Budget, Mayor Dungen asked if there were any questions. There were none. Council was reminded that the 2013-2014 Budget was scheduled to be approved at the September 3, 2013 Special Meeting.

21. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

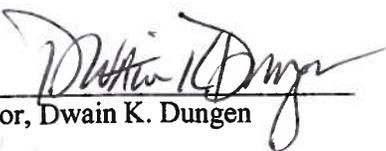
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

22. Announcements.

The City Secretary announced that the tax rate would be adopted at the regular Council Meeting on August 12, 2013. She also announced that the next Council Meeting would be a Special Meeting on September 3rd which would include the second public hearing on the tax rate, the public hearing on the budget, and the adoption of the budget.

23. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:47 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.

