

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, February 13, 2014 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 (absent)
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin (arrived at 6:44 p.m.)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein
Assist. City Secretary	-	Traci Edman

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He explained that Councilman Axel was absent due to illness.

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 January 23, 2014 Regular Meeting.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Those signed up to speak wished to do so during later agenda items.

5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Sewer Averaging, HOME Grant Project, and Downtown Sidewalk Project.

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

6. Consideration and Action to Adopt Resolution 133-14, a Resolution of the City of Columbus Authorizing a General (Regular) Municipal Election to be Held on May 10, 2014. Consideración y acción para adoptar la resolución 133-14, una resolución de la ciudad de Columbus que autoriza una elección municipal (regular) general para ser sostenido el 10 de mayo de 2014.

Mayor Dungen explained that this would authorize the May 10th election for Council Positions 3, 4, and 5.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to adopt Resolution 133-14 authorizing a general election to be held on May 10, 2014. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. **Consideration and Action on Funding Support to the Columbus Garden Club for the Spring Trash Off Event.**

Marian Schonenberg with the Columbus Garden Club thanked Council for their support of the annual Spring Trash Off in the past. She asked them for support for this year's Trash Off which will be held on April 5th. The requested support included limb chipping for citizens, assistance with collection sites, assistance with bulky item pick up, display of promotional items, and council publicity.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the requested support for the Columbus Garden Club's Spring Trash Off Event. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

8. **Consideration and Action on a Request by Columbus Independent School District to Extend the No-Parking Zone on Bowie Street between Houston and Jackson Streets.**

Police Chief Bill Lattimore explained that he had met with Columbus Independent School District personnel concerning the traffic problems on Bowie Street in front of the Elementary School. They are asking to extend the No-Parking Zone on the west side of Bowie down to the cafeteria and in front of the dumpsters in an effort to alleviate some of the traffic problems during drop off and pick up times. Chief Lattimore stated that he did not think that this would cause other traffic problems.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to extend the no parking zone on the west side of Bowie Street between Houston and Jackson. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. **Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Cooperative Agreement between Colorado County, the City of Eagle Lake and the City of Columbus to Participate in a Grant Application Regarding Police Records Management.**

Chief Lattimore explained that the County is currently using Eforce for records management. This is an opportunity to get a grant for the City to convert to Eforce also, which would allow the two to more easily share data and allow better cooperation. Chief Lattimore explained that the grant being applied for does not require a match by the City.

Councilman Rankin arrived at 6:44 p.m.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a cooperative agreement between Colorado County, the City of Eagle Lake and the City of Columbus to participate in a grant application regarding police records managements. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action to Submit a Proposed Replat of a 0.810 acre tract situated in Colorado County, Texas and being a part or portion of Lots 1 and 2 in McCormick Addition No. 3, Block 1, of the City of Columbus, into two (2) lots (0.523 and 0.287 acres) as requested by Stanley Priest and Joe Halfmann to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Mayor explained that the owners of the two lots are asking to transfer a strip from one lot to the other.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to submit the proposed replat of the property in Block 1 of McCormick Addition No. 3 to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration as requested. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

11. Consideration and Action on the Property Located at 1030 Dewees, Block 103, Lot S-10, PT S-9 that has been Determined to be in Violation of Article 3.07 Unsafe or Substandard Building, Structures and Premises.

Mayor Dungen said that one of the owners of this property, which was determined to be unsafe at the last Council meeting, had asked to address Council. Mr. Willis Perkins requested that Council give them additional time to remove the building themselves. Mayor Dungen explained that they could be given up to 90 days from January 23rd when the property was determined to be in violation. Mr. Perkins stated that he could take care of the property in that time.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to grant the owners 90 days from the original date of Council action to correct the violations. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

12. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, subchapter D, Section 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property – Easements.

Mayor Dungen closed the Regular Session at 6:52 p.m. to adjourn into executive session.

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

Mayor Dungen reconvened the regular session at 7:08 p.m. with all members previously present still in attendance.

Mayor Dungen explained that no action was necessary.

14. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the January 2014 Code Enforcement Report.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, presented his January 2014 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

15. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment

Councilman Hernandez – no comment

Councilman Rankin – no comment

16. Announcements.

It was announced that the Chamber of Commerce Banquet would be held on February 20th.

17. 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.