

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, April 10, 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 (absent)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein

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 March 27, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of January 2014 Financial Statements.

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

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Trash Off, 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 Approve the City of Columbus Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2013.

Linda Lakich explained the auditing firm issued a clean report on the audit. Councilman Woodall asked for time to review the report.

The item was tabled until the next meeting.

7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on Columbus Visitors Center Report.

Jane Pullicino with the Columbus Chamber of Commerce presented a report to Council on the activities of the Visitors Center and Chamber of Commerce. She said that they are currently working on putting together a media packet for magazine and on-line use.

No action was necessary.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of Kenneth Wegenhoft to the Library Advisory Board for a Term Ending October 1, 2017.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve the appointment of Kenneth Wegenhoft to the Library Advisory Board for a term ending October 1, 2017. 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, if Necessary, on the Quarterly Fire Department Report.

Fire Marshall Ford Stein presented the Fire Department's Quarterly Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the March 2014 Code Enforcement Report.

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

No action was necessary.

11. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – said that the Trash-Off was a success.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

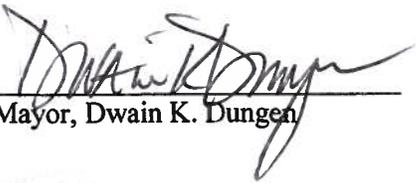
Mayor Dungen – said that Councilman Woodall had found a panhandling ordinance from Elgin that looked like it might work for Columbus. He said that Police Chief Lattimore and the City Attorney were reviewing it. He asked for a public hearing on the subject at the next Council meeting.

12. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

13. 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.

