

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, May 8, 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
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein
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**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 April 24, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of March 2014 Financial Statements.
- d. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2014.

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, Hernandez, and Rankin  
Absent: Councilman Axel

The motion passed.

**4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

Those who had signed to speak wished to do so at a later time during agenda items.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Austin Street Storm Sewer Outfall, Water Distribution System Flushing, and Swimming Pool.**

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

**6. Consideration and Action Regarding an Application for Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Funds submitted by the Colorado County Farmer's Market.**

Mayor Dungen explained that this would be treated as a request from the Chamber of Commerce for an additional \$3,500 in advertising funds to benefit the Farmer's Market. Several citizens addressed Council stating that the first weekly Farmer's Market was a great success with a large turnout from both vendors and the public. Jeff Transeau shared ideas for bringing in out of town visitors for the Friday Farmer's

Market who would stay for the weekend. Councilman Rankin asked that they provide a measure for success in bringing out of town visitors to Columbus.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve an additional \$3,500 in Hotel Occupancy Funds for the Chamber of Commerce to use in advertising the Colorado County Farmer's Market. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. **First Reading of Resolution 136-14, a Resolution Approving Expenditures of 4B Revenues over \$10,000 of City Created Economic Development Corporations with less than 20,000 Residents, for the Funding of a Grant to the City of Columbus for Assistance with Construction of the Downtown Sidewalk Project.**

Resolution 136-14 was read by Mayor Dungen.

8. **Consideration and Action to Award the Construction Bid for the Downtown Sidewalk Project.**

Bradley Loehr with BEFCO Engineering presented samples of the aged and worn concrete finishes for the Downtown Sidewalk Project. After Council looked at the finish samples, they commented on their preferences. Bradley reviewed the bid numbers from Butler Industries, which was the only bid received. Bradley explained that property owners would be able to decide on finishes to some degree, with possible limits, in order to provide continuity.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to award the bid for the construction of the Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Sidewalk Project to Butler Industries for the base bid plus alternate bid items AA2a, AA3a, and AA5a for a total of \$200,526.33. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

9. **Consideration and Action to Accept a Donation of \$1,000 from HEB for Police Equipment.**

Councilman Woodall made a motion to accept the \$1,000 donation for Police equipment from HEB. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

10. **Consideration and Action to Select Financing for the Project to Replace Water and Gas Meters and to Convert to Radio Read.**

Linda Lakich reviewed estimated cash flow and rates quoted for terms of five and seven years to finance the project, which is estimated to cost \$890,000. Mayor Dungen suggested that Council approve financing the project for a term of five years at the lowest rate quoted of 2.65%.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to finance the project for replacement of water and gas meters and conversion to radio read at 2.65% over a five year term. Councilman Hernandez 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, if Necessary, on the April 2014 Code Enforcement Report.**

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

No action was necessary.

**12. Items from Councilmembers.<sup>2</sup>**

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – announced that E'kabel is clearing their property at the Industrial Park.

Councilman Hernandez – wished good luck to the Cardinal athletes competing at regionals and state.

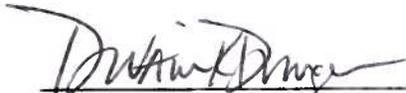
Councilman Rankin – thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the Council Meeting.

**13. Announcements.**

Mayor Dungen reminded everyone that the rededication of the Courthouse would be on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**14. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Lakich, City Secretary

<sup>1</sup>During 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.

<sup>2</sup>Limited 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.

