

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, November 24, 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 (absent)
Councilman	-	Steve Woodall
Councilwoman	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin (absent)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
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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 November 13, 2014 Regular Meeting.

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall and Hernandez
Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Rankin and Schonenberg

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizens' comments or presentations.

5. City Manager's Report Including Downtown Sidewalk Project, Water System Flushing, and Sewer Averaging.

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

6. First Reading of Resolution 140-14, 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 Colorado County Habitat for Humanity to Assist in Providing Affordable Housing within the City.

Mayor Dungen conducted the reading of Resolution 140-14. He stated that the second reading would be at the December 11th Council Meeting, and that discussion and action on the resolution would take place then.

7. Consideration and Action to Submit a Proposed Replat of a .267 acre tract situated in Colorado County, Texas and being a part or portion of Lot 6 of Block D of the City of Columbus into two (2) lots (0.159 and 0.108 acres) as requested by Vernon and Glenda Griffin to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Mayor explained that the property owner wishes to divide the lot into two. Donald Warschak stated that both proposed lots would conform to City requirements.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to submit the proposed replat to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall and Hernandez
Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Rankin and Schonenberg

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Review and Modify, if Necessary, Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria.

Mayor Dungen stated that he had hoped to have an opportunity to discuss the tax abatement guidelines and criteria with the County Judge before the Council Meeting, but he had not been able to do so. He said that he would like to take no action on the agenda item until after he can meet with the County representative.

No action was taken.

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Concerning Hunting Inside the Columbus City Limits.

Donald Warschak said that after hearing from Mr. Donalson at the last Council meeting, he did some research regarding no-hunting laws in other cities in Texas. He reported that there is a great variety in local ordinances concerning hunting within city limits. Chief Lattimore said that there are several options open to Council. If they would like, they can look at having a permitting process which would include provisions for size of land, hunter safety education, and insurance. He said that currently there is no hunting allowed in the city's parks and everywhere else the shooting of a firearm is not allowed. The only area not covered is non firearm hunting outside of the parks. Brent Donalson presented a copy of an ordinance from Weatherford and commented that they could do something about bow hunting. Mayor Dungen stated that he would give the City Attorney a copy of the Weatherford ordinance and see what she says.

No action was taken.

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the October 2014 Police Report.

Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, presented his October 2014 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

11. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilwoman Gobert – no comment.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

12. Announcements.

The City Manager announced that the City's Christmas Party would be on December 19th.

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.

