

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, December 22, 2014 at 12:00 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 (absent)
Councilwoman	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez (absent)
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Code Enforcement Off.	-	Ford Stein
Public Works Super.	-	Michael Poncik
Utilities Supervisor	-	Jody Ripper

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda.**

a. Approval of Invoices.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

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

There were no citizens' comments or presentations.

**5. First Reading of Resolution 141-14, 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 Live Oak Art Center to Assist in Rehabilitation of Bathroom Facilities.**

Mayor Dungen read Resolution 141-14.

**6. Consideration and Action to Authorize Closure of Preston Street from Back to Fannin Street on January 19, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Event.**

The Mayor stated that this would be the same closure as the prior year.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the street closure as presented. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**7. Consideration and Action to Award Fuel Bid for January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015.**

Council was presented with the results of the fuel bid, consisting of two bids, with Colorado County Oil having the low bid.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to award the fuel bid to Colorado County Oil. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

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

Mayor Dungen stated that discussion of this item would be put off until a later meeting when the full council was in attendance.

No action was taken.

**9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the November 2014 Police Report.**

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

No action was necessary.

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

Councilwoman Gobert – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – expressed wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

**11. Announcements.**

Mayor Dungen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked them for their work during the past year.

**12. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:13 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.

