

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2015 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	-	Woody Moore (Absent)
Councilwoman	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
Utilities Superintendent	-	Jody Ripper
Parks/Public Works Superintendent	-	Michael Poncik

1. **Call to Order.**

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2015 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: Councilmen Schonenberg, Rankin and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert.
Absent: Councilman Moore

The motion passed.

4. **Citizens' Presentations and Comments.**

There were no citizen comments.

5. **City Manager's Report Including Sewer Averaging, Gas Line Project, Water Evaluation Study and TXDOT Projects Updates**

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

Warschak stated sewer averaging is in effect. The December 15th thru February 15th average water usage will determine the consumer's sewer rate for the coming year.

Regarding the Gas Line Project, Warschak stated all the line is in from the main gate to the intersection of Chapman and Dewees Streets. The contractor does have to come back and do the case bore under Highway 71. Additionally, the contractor will not be back onsite until after the first of the year.

6. Consideration and Action to Award the Fuel Bid for January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016

Mayor Dungen stated one bid had been received from Colorado County Oil at \$.12 over the OPIS index. He continued, saying there had been some discussion concerning our use of the OPIS requirement. Councilman Hernandez asked why the OPIS requirement was limiting the number of bids the City receives. Dungen explained in order to receive the OPIS pricing, the vender has to be a member, and the membership fees are high.

Councilwoman Gobert stated we should re-bid using wholesale pricing. The City Secretary stated a re-bid could take up to a month to complete because of the requirement for bid notice advertising and the time needed to get the bids back.

It was decided that research regarding pricing standards would be done before the next bid process in hopes of drawing more bidders.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to award the fuel contract for the time period of January 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2016 to Colorado County Oil. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Schonenberg, Rankin and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert.
Absent: Councilman Moore

The motion passed.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of the 2016 Representative and Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors.

Dungen stated typically, the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem fill these positions.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to appoint Mayor Dungen, and Mayor Pro-Tem Schonenberg as the 2016 Representative and Alternate, respectively, to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Schonenberg, Rankin and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert.
Absent: Councilman Moore

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve the Appointment of One Member to the Colorado County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for a Two Year Term.

Dungen stated this position is currently held by Rhonda Schneider, and he would recommend reappointing her.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to appoint of Rhonda Schneider to a two year term on the Colorado County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Schonenberg, Rankin and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert.
Absent: Councilman Moore

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve a Leave of Absence for Councilman Woody Moore.

Dungen commented that Councilman Moore will be out of state until the 13th of January, and as a precaution he would like a leave of absence extended to him.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve a leave of Absence to Councilman Moore. Councilwoman Gobert seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Schonenberg, Rankin and Hernandez; Councilwoman Gobert.
Absent: Councilman Moore

The motion passed.

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the November 2015 Police Report.

Chief Lattimore gave the police report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Not Action was necessary.

11. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Moore – Absent

Councilwoman Gobert – She attended the P & Z meeting on the 15th of December. There was not a quorum so no action was taken, but she did comment to those present the process the steering committee had gone through regarding the commercial corridor overlay. Additionally, she told P & Z that the ball was now in their court.

Councilman Schonenberg – E'kabel has started the hiring process, and the Ag Complex exchange is almost complete. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Councilman Hernandez – Wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilman Rankin – Echoed Councilman Hernandez's sentiments.

Mayor Dungen – Merry Christmas and safety for everyone this holiday season. Looks forward to working with everyone next year.

6. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

7. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain Dungen

ATTEST:



Bana Schneider, 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.

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.