

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, January 28, 2016 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	-	Woody Moore
Councilwoman	-	Lori An Gobert (arrived @ 6:35 p.m.)
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

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.**

Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval of November Financial Statements
- d. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2015.

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, Hernandez and Moore  
Absent: Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

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

Citizens signed in spoke during agenda items.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Gas Line Project Update, and Sewer Averaging**

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

Warschak reminded everyone that we are still in the sewer averaging period until February 15<sup>th</sup>. Warschak stated 13,000 feet of gas line has been installed on the Gas Line Project. The pipe has been laid from the main gate to Connors Crossing, as well as on the North side of railroad track to the CCIDC property under the overpass and up to the water tower.

**6. Consideration and Action for the Approval of Polling Places for the 2016 May General Election.**

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated the early voting location would be at City Hall and the Election Day polling place would be at Columbus High School.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the polling places as stated by the City Secretary. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**Consideración y Acción para la aprobación de los lugares de votación para las elecciones de mayo de 2016 el General.**

*Secretaría de la ciudad, Bana Schneider, declaró el centro de votación anticipada sería en el ayuntamiento de la ciudad y el lugar de votación el Día de Elecciones estará en la Escuela Secundaria Columbus.*

*El concejal de Rankin hizo una moción para aprobar los lugares de votación según lo declarado por la Secretaría de la ciudad. El concejal Schonenberg apoyó la moción.*

*La votación fue el siguiente:*

*Sies: Concejales Schonenberg, Rankin, Hernández y Moore.  
Ausentes: Concejal Gobert.*

*La moción fue aprobada.*

**7. Consideration and Action to Approve Rolling Closure of Milam Street (Spur 52) from Jackson Street to Walnut Street (Highway 90) and the Closure of Walnut Street from Milam Street to Legion Drive from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2016 for the Annual FFA Parade.**

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the street closures as requested. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**8. Consideration and Action to Approve a Manufactured Home Permit for Lot 4 Block 110 Rampart Street as Requested by Luis G Macias.**

Councilwoman Gobert arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Councilman Hernandez asked if the 5 feet met the setback clearance. Dungen stated that is the minimum requirement.

Councilman Rankin asked if the Code Enforcement Officer had reviewed all of the documentation. Warschak stated he had. Rankin asked the applicant if they knew where the lot boundaries were. They stated there are stakes on the property.

Councilman Rankin stated Code Enforcement Officer, Ford Stein, needed to make sure the guidelines of the ordinance are met. Gobert stated Stein should initial the application. Dungen stated the permit application, in general, needed to be reviewed to make sure it is consistent with the ordinance. He continued by saying some of the items on the application may not be required per the ordinance.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the manufactured home permit as requested. Councilwoman Gobert seconded this motion.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the December 2015 Police Report.**

Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, gave the December Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Lattimore also spoke of his participation in the Open-Carry Forum hosted at the library. There was a lengthy discussion of the law and its implications.

No action was required.

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

Councilman Moore – None

Councilwoman Gobert – None

Councilman Schonenberg – The CCIDC has closed on the Ag Complex property.

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Dungen – None

**6. Announcements.**

Schneider stated preparations are under way for the election in May and for the upcoming audit.

**7. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Dwain Dungen

ATTEST:

  
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Bana Schneider, 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.

<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.