

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, February 25, 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 (absent)
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 February 11, 2016 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval of December Financial Statements

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.¹**

There were no citizen comments.

5. **City Manager's Report Including Gas Line Project Update, Spring Street Water Well, Bulk Item Pick-up and Planning & Zoning Progress on Commercial Corridor Overlay.**

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

Warschak stated all of the steel pipe above grade has been welded and the new gas meter has been set. The only piping left is the connection of the poly pipe to the steel pipe. At Fannin and Dewees, work consists of welding the casing, prepping to bore, back ream and pull. We are still waiting for the permit from the railroad for the Highway 90 area.

Warschak continued the report on the water well. The well has been pulled and the camera survey showed a build up on the screens. After the use of a sonar jet and a chemical treatment, the camera survey showed the screens had reopened. A new pump has been ordered, and once it has been up

and running for a couple of weeks, samples will be sent to O'Malley Strand for use in the water quality evaluation study.

Warschak spoke about the bulk pickup data, which is also attached to these minutes. Councilman Rankin stated there seems to be a significant drop in pickups after the City turned the operation over to TDS. Councilman Schonenberg asked if calls were still coming in to City Hall. City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated calls were still coming in, and the utility billing clerks give the callers the TDS number. She stated there have been no calls from customers complaining that they could not get through to TDS. Rankin asked if the volume of bulk items picked up had also reduced. Warschak stated the pickups go on the regular trash trucks and the weight for bulk items was not available. Further, Rankin commented there needs to be some measure in order to see if subcontracting this service is working. Mayor Dungen asked if the newspaper could perhaps run a poll in the paper this week in order to receive more customer feedback. Warschak stated TDS's marketing department was working on some new literature regarding this program for distribution to customers.

Finally, Warschak stated the Planning & Zoning Commission had met concerning the Commercial Corridor Overlay. They discussed changes to the document. After Schneider makes the recommended changes, she will get it back the members, and they will meet again.

6. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 178-16, Approving the Traffic Control Plan for the 2016 Columbus Magnolia Festival.

Warschak stated the ordinance was a requirement of TXDot, and this was the same plan used previously.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve Ordinance 178-16, approving the traffic control plan for the 2016 Columbus Magnolia Festival.

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

7. Discussion and Action to Approve an Agreement Regarding the Encroachment of a Structure, Located at 220 Preston Street, into the Preston Street Right of Way.

Warschak stated the City Attorney made a few tweaks to the original agreement and attorney Barry Rutta was satisfied from a title stand point.

Rankin stated he did not think all of the questions he had were addressed, but if Rutta was satisfied, he was agreeable. He continued that he was concerned about the issue of additions to the garage apartment.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve the agreement regarding the encroachment of a structure, located at 220 Preston Street, into the Preston Street right of way 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.

8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the January 2016 Police Report.

Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, gave his report to Council, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Additionally, Chief Lattimore stated Lieutenant, Skip Edman, had submitted the grant proposal to HGAC.

No action was required.

9. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Moore – None

Councilwoman Gobert – Absent

Councilman Schonenberg – None

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Dungen – None

6. Announcements.

Chief reminded everyone the FFA Parade would be held on Saturday starting at 10:30 a.m.

7. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:51 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.