

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, February 23, 2012 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	-	Steve Woodall (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch (absent)
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Danny Jackson
Fire Chief	-	Walter Glaeser

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 February 9, 2012 Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of January 2012 Financial Statements.

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Cheryl Cook told Council that in her opinion the H.A.N.D. Counseling Center was a big mistake.

5. City Manager's Report including Crossroads Business Park Water Tower, Annual Sewer Rate Averaging, Cardinal Hill Water Plant Well, and Gas System Audit and Leak Survey.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, which is attached to these minutes. Councilman Schonenberg asked Donald to talk with the state concerning the condition of Highway 71 where it ties into Crossroads Boulevard. Donald also told Council that the Cardinal Hill well should produce about 460 gallons of water per minute which will be comparable to the Spring Street well production. Councilman Woodall arrived at 6:35 p.m.

6. Consideration and Action to Submit a Proposed Subdivision of a 3.069 Acre Tract Located in the A-44 E Tumlinson Survey fronting 237 Forest Street; Such Application Requesting Said Tract be Subdivided into Two (2) Lots (1.360 and 1.709 Acre Tracts) as requested by Bari Pace, et al.

Mayor Dungen told Council that this was a proposed division of a lot on Forest Street and that they were being asked to refer it to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration and approval.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to submit a proposed subdivision of a 3.069 acre tract located in the A-44 E Tumlinson Survey fronting 237 Forest Street to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

Mayor Dungen moved to Item 8 on the Agenda.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution 101-12 Approving the Submission of a Grant Application for the H.A.N.D. Counseling Center to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

The Mayor explained that this was the formal resolution for the grant application which had been discussed at earlier meetings.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve Resolution 101-12 as presented. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$3,500 for Police Department Incode Software for Call Sheet Import.

The City Manager told Council that the Police Department currently has the software that uploads information from Dispatch to the patrol units. This software will make it possible for information to be uploaded from the patrol units to the Department's Incode Software in the office. Donald told Council that this software requirement was not included in the original budget and that it would aid the patrol officer in completing reports.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$3,500 for Police Department Incode Software for Call Sheet Import. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

Mayor Dungen moved to Item 7 on the Agenda.

7. Consideration and Action on Funding Support to the Columbus Garden Club for the Spring Trash Off Event.

Marian Schonenberg, former president of the Garden Club, introduced Sharon Wegenhoft, the current president. Marian told Council that the Sixth Annual Trash Off Day would be on Saturday, April 14th. She said that the City has served as a partner with the Garden Club for the past 5 trash off events and that they are requesting their support for the current year. The Garden Club is asking for support in the form of limb chipping services, assistance with collection sites and disposal of bulky items, display of promotional items, and a Council publicity photo.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to provide support to the Columbus Garden Club for the Spring 2012 Trash Off. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

Mayor Dungen moved to Item 10 on the Agenda.

10. Consideration and Action to declare the FMC Sewer Machine and the Packaged Disaster Hospital as Surplus Property.

Donald Warschak explained that since the City is purchasing a new sewer machine, that they would like to sell the old machine. He also explained that the Packaged Disaster Hospital is now stored at the building by the City Cemetery. He said that it is an emergency hospital contained in crates that has been stored there since the 1960's. The equipment is now obsolete, and he would like to sell it so that the storage space can be used for other things. It was suggested that the Columbus Community Hospital be allowed to look at it before sale to see if there is anything that they would be interested in.

Councilman Axel made a motion to declare the FMC Sewer Machine and the Packaged Disaster Hospital as Surplus Property. Councilman Woodall seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Schonenberg, and Rankin

The motion passed.

11. Executive Session: In Accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 – Deliberations About Real Property-Industrial Park.

Mayor Dungen adjourned the regular session at 6:47 p.m. to enter into executive session.

12. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if Any, Regarding Executive Session – Deliberations About Real Property-Industrial Park.

The regular session was reconvened at 7:01 p.m. with the same members present. The Mayor explained that no action would be needed.

13. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the January 2012 Police Report.

Police Chief, Danny Jackson, presented his January 2012 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. In addition he reported that Officer Axel is working with the schools on an anti-bullying campaign. Officer Axel has distributed 600 books donated by businesses in the area. Chief Jackson said that Officer Axel volunteered to work with the schools. Councilman Rankin encouraged other police officers to get involved with the schools. Councilman Schonenberg asked if bullying is a problem, and Chief Jackson said that it is.

No action was necessary.

14. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Woodall – asked to have the Historic District added to the next agenda.

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – asked to have an item to discuss the property the City owns on FM 806 to the next agenda.

Councilman Rankin – asked if Council would need to discuss the Racial Profiling Report provided by Police Chief Jackson.

15. Announcements.²

There were no announcements.

16. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:15 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.