

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas, met in regular session on Thursday, December 12, 2013 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
Councilman	-	John Axel (absent)
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
Utilities Superintendent	-	Jody Ripper

**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 November 25, 2013 Regular Meeting.

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, and Rankin  
Absent: Councilman Axel and Hernandez

The motion passed.

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

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Sewer Averaging, School Resource Officer Grant, and Meter Replacement Program.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, presented his City Manager's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Council requested that the memorandum of understanding from the school district regarding the resource officer grant be signed by the school superintendent.

**6. Consideration and Action Regarding the Readdressing of Krupka Street.**

David Kotzebue from the County's 911 Addressing Office was introduced. He gave Council information on addressing for emergency situations. He explained that in situations like the one on Krupka Street where there is a 100 and 100A address emergency responders may have difficulty finding the correct address.

Mayor Dungen explained that the problem on Krupka Street is that the 911 system is not able to accommodate an "a" or "1/2" in an address. He said that the simple way to solve the situation on Krupka Street would be to address the block from 98 to 199. He explained that the City has spoken with the owner of the house on the corner and he is willing to change his address to 98 Krupka so that the Chandler house can be addressed as 100 Krupka.

Councilman Rankin stated that he is also concerned that there are other properties in the city which have the same addressing problems. He asked that those properties be identified. He also asked that the city look into why utilities don't recognize the "a" and "½" addresses since this must be a common occurrence.

No action was necessary.

**7. Consideration and Action to Award Bid for Midtown Park Elevated Storage Tank Demolition.**

Donald Warschak presented the three bids received for demolition of the Midtown Park Elevated Storage Tank. The lowest bid was from Whittaker Lane Contracting, LLC for \$24,400. Iseler Demolition bid \$39,870 and Hunter Demolition bid \$44,200. Donald told Council that the references for Whittaker Lane were good and that they would be able to start after the first of the year. Based on that and their low bid he and the City Engineer recommended that the contract be awarded to Whittaker Lane Contracting.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to award the contract for demolition of the Midtown Park Elevated Storage Tank to Whittaker Lane Contracting, LLC. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Schonenberg, and Rankin  
Absent: Councilman Axel and Hernandez

The motion passed.

**8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the November 2013 Police Report.**

Police Chief Bill Lattimore presented his November 2013 Police Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

**9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the November 2013 Code Enforcement Report.**

Code Enforcement Officer Ford Stein presented his November 2013 Code Enforcement Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

No action was necessary.

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

Councilman Woodall – no comment

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment

Councilman Rankin – no comment

**11. Announcements.**

Mayor Dungen announced the next Council Meeting will be on December 23, 2013 at noon and that the City Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**12. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:17 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.

