

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, July 14, 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 (Absent)
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Vacant
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle (Absent)
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Asst. City Secretary	-	Traci Edman

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
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1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Lori An Gobert called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Gobert led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2016 Regular Meeting.

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Hernandez and Rankin; Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

Citizens signed in chose to speak during Agenda item 7.

5. City Manager's Report Including Sales Tax, Water System Update and Erosion at Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Donald Warschak gave his City Manager's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Regarding sales tax, Warschak stated the City received \$108,757 in July, which is based on May collections. He said this was about a \$3,500 increase over the same time last year, and Eagle Lake and the County both saw increases while Weimar experienced a slight decrease. According to Warschak, the Corps of Engineers should have a finished determination of interest report by the end of August, with the possibility of starting work after October 1st. Warschak also stated the updated cost estimates for the water filtration system was approximately \$2.2 million. Bond Advisor, Jennifer Douglas, will attend the next Council meeting, and she will have a projected timeline for funding. If bonds are issued at the next meeting, funds will be available for the project in October. Councilman Hernandez asked about replacing the water pipes. Warschak stated, when the time comes for the replacement of piping, there would be a second issuance of

bonds. Douglas had reported to him, in the long run, since the project is at least a year out, it would be cheaper to do a second issuance instead of carrying the additional debt service. Warschak also updated Council on the TxDOT Signal Project at Highway 71 and Interstate 10. He stated TxDOT would have to wait for the new fiscal year before the project could be started because of all of the repair work needed for flood damage.

6. Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation of 3.700 Acres of Land in the E.Tumlinson Survey, Abstract No.44 Colorado County, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Gobert opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.
There were no comments.
The public hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve a Manufactured Home Permit for Lot 9 Block 109 of Hancock Street as Requested by Virginia Flores.

Azalia Benich, realtor for Virginia Flores, spoke about the address being on Hancock Street instead of Dewees Street. Warschak stated the home must be addressed as Dewees Street to comply with the set back rules.

Warschak stated he would speak with Jerry Krenek concerning the address change for the closing documents.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to approve the manufactured home permit, pending the resolution of the address. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Hernandez and Rankin; Councilwoman Gobert
Absent: Councilman Swindle

The motion passed.

8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, on the June 2016 Columbus Municipal Golf Association Report.

Mike Craddock gave the Golf Association monthly report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Craddock stated there are now 93 members, and another cart shed has been rented. The Association has also gotten a Sam's Club Membership. There was a member workday on the course last Tuesday to help get the course in shape for the Fireman's Golf Tournament.

No action was required.

9. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilwoman Gobert – None

Councilman Swindle – Absent

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Dungen – None

10. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

11. Adjournment.

The Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 6:59 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.

