

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2017 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	-	Lori An Gobert
Councilman	-	Keith Cummings
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff Present:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
--------------	---	----------------

**1. Call to Order.**

The Mayor 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 April 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

Councilwoman Gobert asked about the high repair bill for a police vehicle, and if the vehicle was worth spending the money on. Police Chief, Bill Lattimore, highlighted the repairs that were made, and also stated the vehicle was a 2011 model and would be in the fleet for 2 to 3 more years.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin. Councilwoman Gobert.

The motion passed.

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

There were no comments.

**5. City Manager's Report Including Water Filtration Project, and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated the Water Filtration Project plans are slated to be reviewed by the TCEQ on May 26<sup>th</sup>. After they are approved the City can move forward with the bid process.

Warschak announced the county will be holding a household hazardous waste collection at the fairgrounds on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gobert asked if they would collect paints and oils. Warschak confirmed they would, along with tires and other hazardous waste. Chief Lattimore stated he would confer with Code Enforcement regarding tire accumulations at some residences in town so property owners could be notified of the collection.

Mayor Dungen asked about the status of funding from FEMA for repairs at the McCormick Waste Water Treatment Plant. Warschak stated all of the paperwork, including the overages for the repairs, had been submitted.

**6. Consideration and Action to Approve the City of Columbus Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2016.**

Councilman Rankin asked if the current fund balance for CCIDC is approximate to what is stated in their CAFR. Gobert stated it was, but there are drainage issues at the industrial park which will require quite a bit of funding, along with the gas line project.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to approve the City's 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin. Councilwoman Gobert.

The motion passed.

**7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the April 2017 Columbus Golf Association Report.**

John Mangini of CMGA gave the report. He thanked the City for the new main cart shed that was recently completed. He stated membership dues were coming in a few at a time, but they have lost a few of the more elderly members. Councilman Swindle asked the current membership number. Mangini stated 62 have paid. They have some prior members who are now just paying green fees to play. There was discussion regarding the price for green fees, and the number of rounds played on a weekly basis.

Gobert asked if there were more tournaments scheduled. Mangini stated the Association is looking at staging a 3 man team scramble invitational type tourney at the end of May, and the fire department tournament is slated for June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

No action was required.

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

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilwoman Gobert – None

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilman Hernandez – Congratulated the newly elected school board trustees.

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Dungen – There is a Fire Department Memorial Service at 7:00 pm, and he introduced his new granddaughter to Council via a picture.

**6. Announcements.**

Chief Lattimore stated on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the County will be kicking off "National Police Week" with a ceremony on the Courthouse lawn at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

**7. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

  

---

Mayor, Dwain Dungen

ATTEST:

  

---

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 council members 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.

