

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 5:30 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 (Arrived at 5:50 p.m.)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

Other City Staff Present:

Police Chief	-	Skip Edman
Library Director	-	Susan Chandler

1. Call to Order.

Mayor, Dwain Dungen, called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 the March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval of February 2018 Financial Statements

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

Chamber Executive Director, Billy Kahn, stated the billboards along I-10 would be redone tomorrow.

5. City Manager's Report Including Filtration Project and Army Corps of Engineers River Bank Updates, and the 2018 Trash Off Event.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Regarding the Water Filtration Project, Warschak stated the contractor started excavation work today at the Spring Water Plant. He also said the filters were being fabricated in Houston, and would be ready for delivery in late May.

Warschak stated the Corps of Engineers will be doing a feasibility study for the river bank repairs. The estimated cost for the study is \$167,000. The Corps would cover the first \$100,000 for the study, and the City would split the remaining amount 50/50 with the Corps. The City's estimated cost would be \$33,853. The City received \$55,000 from LCRA for storm damage so those funds could go to cover the study cost.

Warschak concluded his report with the Trash Off that was held on Saturday. He stated four 30 yard dumpsters and one 40 yard were filled, and another two dumpsters will be needed to accommodate what is on the ground. He also stated that the City would be chipping limbs this week.

Councilwoman Gobert asked if there was going to be a hazardous waste collection anytime soon. Warschak stated the county sponsored one last year so there may not be another one for a few years.

Gobert also asked how long the Corps of Engineers study would take. The City Manager stated probably until the end of the year, but in the mean time, they would be taking the fill from the filter project sites to the river bank and place it in the washed out area.

6. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Nesbitt Memorial Library Foundation Report.

Jim Kearney, Kenneth Wegenhoft and Tracy Wegenhoft from the Library Foundation were present at the meeting. A copy of their report on the proposed expansion of the Nesbitt Memorial Library is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Kearney gave a history of the present library building, and an overview of the changing functions libraries have taken over the last several years. He also highlighted the NMLF goals and relationship with architecture firm Lake Flato of San Antonio.

Kearney stated in order for the foundation to move forward with the expansion project, which is to include a new meeting room and exhibition space, they would need a commitment from the City by June 1st of this year.

There was discussion of two different design options, along with an explanation of the drawings. Plans for a workshop meeting for April 23rd were also discussed.

No action was required.

Councilman Rankin arrived at 5:50 p.m.

7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Library Quarterly Report.

Library Director, Susan Chandler, gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Chandler discussed the comparisons of circulation and library programs of the Nesbitt Library to the state as a whole, as well as the comparison to other area libraries.

Gobert asked if the behavior of the children using the library after school had improved. Chandler stated there had been some improvement; however, unruly behavior usually spikes when there is about to be a school break. Chandler stated they want children to come to the library, but they want them to behave.

Gobert commended Chandler on the programs offered through the library, stating Chandler and her staff have gone above and beyond expectations. She thank Chandler for bringing great resources to the community.

No action was required.

8. Consideration and Action to Adopt Resolution 181-18, a Resolution Adopting Required Community Development Block Grant Civil Rights Policies.

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated the policies had to be readopted via a resolution in order to meet the new guidelines. Previously, a letter from the mayor affirming the policies fulfilled the requirements. The adoption of the civil rights policies was needed in order to close out the gas line grant.

Councilwoman Gobert made a motion to adopt Resolution 181-18. Councilman Cummings seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Swindle, Hernandez, and Rankin

The motion passed.

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the March Golf Association Report.

John Mangini gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He stated the bathroom refurbishment had been completed with the exception of the doors, which were supposed to come in today. Mangini stated both the girls' and boys' high school golf teams won district and would be moving on to regions. The Lion's Club tourney was held on April 7th with 16 teams participating. One day next week, the greens will be aerated, and the club will be hosting the crawfish tourney on May 5th. Mangini also stated that Good Friday and the Saturday before Easter were very busy at the course.

Gobert asked when the bulk of the memberships were due. Mangini stated the 1st of April. Councilman Cummings stated he had heard complaints about the trees burning during the high school soccer game on Saturday. He said the smoke was blowing across the field. Mangini stated they had received a permit from the Fire Marshal, and the debris pile was set on fire on Tuesday. The rains during the week caused it to smolder and then reignite on Saturday. With the wood being damp, it produced a lot of smoke. They thought it would have been burned up before the soccer game.

No action was required.

10. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilwoman Gobert – None

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilman Hernandez – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Dungen – None

11. Announcements.

Schneider stated Council had received the CAFR's for the City and the CCIDC for review before it is approved.

12. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:07 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 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.