

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor – Lori An Gobert

Mayor Pro Tem – Chuck Rankin

Councilman – Keith Cummings

Councilman – Ronny Daley

Councilwoman – Paige Sciba

Councilman – Michael Ridlen

City Manager – Donald Warschak

City Secretary – Bana Schneider

Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Police Captain – Skip Edman Code Enforcement – Richard LaCourse

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Lori An Gobert called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

# 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

### 3. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Keith Cummings, and Ronny

Daley

Carried 4-0

- 3.1 Approval of Invoices 20241125 INVOICES.pdf @
- 3.2 Approval of Minutes of the November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

  MINUTES 20241112.pdf 

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

There were no public comments.

 City Manager's Report Including TxDOT Projects Updates, City Projects Updates, WWTP Permit Renewals, and TextMyGov. CM REPORT 20241125.pdf

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

6. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 286-24, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4
Business Regulations, Article 4.07 Mobile Food Vendors, Section 4.07.004 Location

Restrictions. ORD 286-24 - PROHIBIT PARKING-MOBILE FOOD UNITS.pdf

Warschak stated this is an amendment to the current ordinance.

Cummings questioned penalties/fines. LaCourse responded that it reflects back to the original fines as listed in the code.

Let the record reflect Councilman Rankin joined the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Motion to approve Ordinance 286-24 as presented.

Moved by: Keith Cummings Seconded by: Paige Sciba

Aye

Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny

Daley

Nay

Michael Ridlen

Carried 4-1

Schneider stated Enterprise will sell these vehicles, and the proceeds will be applied to our lease.

Motion to approve Resolution 289-24 as presented.

Moved by: Chuck Rankin Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Aye

Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith

Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

8. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2024 Code Enforcement Report. OCTOBER 2024 CODE ENFORCEMENT.pdf @

Code Enforcement officer, Richard LaCourse, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

9. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the October 2024 Police Report.

OCTOBER 2024 POLICE STATS.pdf @

Police Chief, Skip Edman, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Two new recruits will be added to the force next month.

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

Cummings - none

Daley - he googled Bahama Mama

Sciba - Happy Thanksgiving

Ridlen - Happy Thanksgiving

Rankin - Apologized for arriving late

Gobert - thanked the City for the use of the glorified pressure washer and Kevin Faichtinger for helping to pressure wash downtown; everyone is encouraged to attend the lighted Christmas parade (Dec 3rd) and Ladies Night Out (Dec 5th).

### 11. Announcements

Warschak wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Schneider stated she, Warschak, and Jacobs are beginning the process of looking at other healthcare options for employees.

# 12. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Lori An Gobert, Mayor

Attest:

Bana Schneider, City Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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.