



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2025, 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 (Absent)
Mayor Pro Tem – Chuck Rankin
Councilman – Keith Cummings
Councilman – Ronny Daley
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba
Councilman – Michael Ridlen (Arrived 5:31 p.m.)
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman
Code enforcement – Richard LaCourse
Library Director – Lynnette Weido
Public Works/Parks Superintendent – Fred Heger
Utility Superintendent – Kevin Faichtinger

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Rankin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Rankin 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

Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 4-0

- 3.1 Approval of Invoices [20250428.pdf](#) 
- 3.2 Approval of Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting
[20250414_MINUTES.pdf](#) 
- 3.3 Approval of the December 2024 Financial Statements [DECEMBER 2024.pdf](#)

- 3.4 Approval of the January 2025 Financial Statements [JANUARY 2025.pdf](#) 

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were no public comments.

Let the record reflect that Michael Ridlen arrived at 5:31 p.m.

5. City Manager's Report Including TxDOT Projects Updates, City Projects Update and Rise Broadband Fiber Project Update. [CM_20250428.pdf](#) 

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

6. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Quarterly Nesbitt Memorial Library Report. [NESBITT LIBRARY_QTR 1 2025.pdf](#) 

Library Director, Lynnette Weido, gave her report. A copy is attached to these minutes. She introduced her staff, Jessica Commanda and Cody Graves.

Weido asked that the Council "like" and "share" the Nesbitt Library Facebook page. Graves gave information on the summer reading program.

No action was needed.

7. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Quarterly Public Works/Parks Report. [PW_QTR 1 2025.pdf](#) 

Public Works/Parks Department Superintendent, Fred Heger, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Cummings questioned the pea gravel at the playground equipment areas. Heger stated all of that has been replaced at both parks.

Ridlen asked if there was ever a large appliance pick up. TDS does a bulk pickup for anyone by calling the number on the trash receptacle and scheduling the pickup.

No action was needed.

8. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the Quarterly Utility Report.**

[UTILITIES_QTR 1 2025.pdf](#) 

Utility Supervisor, Kevin Faichtinger, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Faichtinger highlighted the fiber-optic line currently being laid in the City.

No action was needed.

9. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the March 2025 Code Enforcement**

Report. [CODE ENFORCEMENT_MARCH 2025.pdf](#) 

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

Early voting ends tomorrow. As of this afternoon, only 719 people of the 14,000 eligible, have voted.

No action was needed.

10. **Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the March 2025 Police Report.** [CPD](#)

[STATS_MARCH 2025.pdf](#) 

Police Chief, Skip Edman, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. The abundance of training was highlighted.

No action was needed.

11. **Consideration and Action to Approve a National Nursing Home Week Proclamation as Requested by Tracy Psencik and Columbus Oaks.**

Motion to approve the proclamation to be read and presented in May.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

12. **Items from Councilmembers²**

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - none

Rankin - none

13. **Announcements**

City Secretary, Bana Schneider - May 13th - LCRA will be here for a photo for the award of the grant we received to put in pickle ball courts. They would like Council to attend.

14. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Lori An Gobert, Mayor

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.