



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 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
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 (Absent)

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman
Code Enforcement – Richard LaCourse

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, opened the meeting 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 reported.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

3.1 Approval of Invoices [20250825.pdf](#) 

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting
[20250812_MINUTES.pdf](#) 

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were no public comments.

5. City Manager's Report Including TxDOT and City Projects Updates. [CM](#)

[REPORT_20250820.pdf](#) 

City Manager, Donald Warschak gave the report a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

6. Consideration and Action on the Award of Construction Services Contract of \$205,114.00 to Bull G Construction, for the TDA Waterline Project CDV23-0407.

[WATERLINE BIDS_0407.pdf](#) 

Warschak stated Strand, the engineering firm for the project, has worked with the recommended contractor on other projects.

Motion to award the construction services contract for the TDA waterline project to Bull G Construction.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

7. Consideration and Action to Award the Bid for the CDBG MIT-MOD Generator Project Construction. [GENERATOR.pdf](#) 

There was discussion regarding the single bid, and the chance that GLO may not approve the project if awarded. Alyssa Bickford, Grant Administrator from Langford, and Project Engineer, John Mercer, gave an overview of the pros and cons of moving forward with the award using the documentation they have regarding the bidding process.

Motion to Award the generator project construction contract to McDonald Municipal & Industrial.

Moved by: Michael Ridlen

Seconded by: Chuck Rankin

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

Carried 5-0

8. Consideration and Action Regarding a Noise Variance Request for the Colorado County Fair to be Held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 thru Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 7:00 am until 1:00 a.m. Each Day; Set Up Will Begin on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 and Clean Up Will Be Completed on September 14, 2025.

[NVR COLORADO COUNTY FAIR.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the NVR as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

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

Carried 5-0

9. Consideration and Action to Approve the Certification for Local Governments for House Bill 3834 Cybersecurity Awareness Training. [CYBERSECURITY_2025.pdf](#) 

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated all employees and council had received training and passed the exam.

Motion to approve the certification for local governments for House Bill 3834 Cybersecurity Awareness Training.

Moved by: Paige Sciba

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

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

Carried 5-0

10. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the July 2025 Code Enforcement Report. [CODE ENFORCEMENT JULY 2025.pdf](#) 

Code Enforcement officer, Richard LaCourse gave the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He highlighted the permits issued during the month and gave an update on substandard properties.

No action was required.

11. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the July 2025 Police Report.

[CPD JULY 2025.pdf](#) 

Police Chief, Skip Edman, gave the report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He highlighted the training for the month.

No action was required.

12. Discussion of Budget Workshop:

Schneider led the discussion of the budget. She highlighted legislative changes that will affect the city's regulatory capabilities and revenue sources.

- 12.1 Combined Fund Summary
- 12.2 Utility Fund
- 12.3 Capital Projects

13. Consideration and Action Regarding the Proposed 2025 Tax Rate Notification and Public Hearing. [2025 TAX RATE NOTICE.pdf](#) 

There was no motion. Mayor Gobert polled each councilmember regarding the proposed tax rate notification.

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

Carried 5-0

14. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - regarding CAD, he believes a representative should be in attendance when their budget and contract is presented to council

Rankin - none

Gobert - will keep everyone updated on legislative changes; she met with the County Judge and Commissioner Owers regarding several issues, and there seems to be some headway

15. Announcements

Warschak stated he had received an offer to buy the 3 acres. He stated we would have to go through the entire process for selling city property.

Schneider shared items regarding fraud and changes to the agenda format.

16. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 7:07 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.