



The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

President – Bruce Tesch
Vice President – Michael Ridlen
Treasurer – Dwain Dungen
Secretary – David Wiggs (absent)
Board Member – Morgan Barten (absent)
Board Member – Shalor Townzen (absent)
Board Member – Chris Davis
City Manager – Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

1. Call to Order

President Bruce Tesch called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Tesch led the pledge and invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Dwain Dungen


Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Aye Bruce Tesch, Chris Davis, Dwain Dungen, and Michael Ridlen

Carried 4-0

3.1 **Approval of Invoices** [Dec Invoices.pdf](#)

3.2 **Approval of Financial Statements for November 30, 2023** [Nov 2023 Bank Rec.pdf](#)

3.3 Approval of Minutes of the November 20, 2023 Annual Meeting [11.20.2023 Annual Meeting Draft Minutes.pdf](#) 

3.4 Approval of Minutes of the November 20, 2023 Regular Meeting [11.20.2023 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes.pdf](#) 

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments

5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax [CCIDC December 23.pdf](#) 

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes. The sales tax payment was up over the same time period last year. The City of Eagle Lake and the County saw increases, while the City of Weimar was flat.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding Industrial Park Maintenance.

Tesch reported the 18 acres up front needs attention to be cleaned up. Warschak and Tesch met with Travis Maertz and he quoted a price of \$1250 to mow it and \$800/hr for skid steer. They also spoke with Glueck Tree Service about trimming up the trees.

Dungen stated it is highway appearance.

Tesch stated hard to ask Great Southern to keep theirs up if we do not.

Motion to approve spending up to \$7,500 for maintenance on the 18 acres.

Moved by: Dwain Dungen

Seconded by: Michael Ridlen

Aye Bruce Tesch, Chris Davis, Dwain Dungen, and Michael Ridlen

Carried 4-0

7. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 consultations with attorney, Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property and Section 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development.

Regular session was closed at 5:44 p.m. to enter into executive session.

8. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if any, regarding Executive Session, consultations with attorney, deliberations regarding real property and economic development.

Regular session reconvened at 5:59 p.m. with all members still present.

No action at this time.

9. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding any prospective companies interested in land at the Crossroads Business Park.

There were none.

10. Strategic Plan Workshop.

Dwain Dungen will work on an invitee list and Chris Davis will draft a letter.


11. Discussion of items to be placed on future agendas and announcements.

Tesch thanked everyone for a successful year. Be safe if traveling over the holidays.


Dungen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

12. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



President - Bruce Tesch



Assistant City Secretary -
Dinah Jacobs