The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 8:00 a.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 - Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman - Steve Woodall
Councilman - John Axel

Councilman - Bruce Tesch (absent)
Councilman - Chuck Rankin (absent)
City Manager - Donald Warschak
City Secretary - Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included

Assistant City Sec. - Kayla Duncan

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

5. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

Finance Director, Linda Lakich, told Council that in order to publish the required Notice of Effective Tax Rate she would need to know if it was Council's intention to transfer the debt service payment on the 2005 Certificates of Obligation from property taxes to the utility fund since the proceeds were used for water and sewer improvements. All Council members present said that was their intention and that they wished to maintain the total tax rate at the current value.

The next Budget Workshop was set for August 25th after the regular Council Meeting.

9. Adjournment.

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:16 a.m.

Mayor, Dwain K. Dunger

ATTEST:

Linda Lakich, City Secretary

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.

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.

