The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 12:00 p.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 - Woody Moore

Councilwoman - Lori An Gobert (Absent)
Councilman - Eddie Hernandez (Absent)

Councilman - Chuck Rankin
City Manager - Donald Warschak
City Secretary - Bana Schneider

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief - Bill Lattimore
Utilities Superintendent - Jody Ripper

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.1

There were no comments.

4. Consideration and Action to Award the Gas Line Grant Project.

David Sheblak of John D. Mercer and Associates gave a report regarding the Gas Line Project bid proposals, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Sheblak indicated that on Tuesday September 15, 2015 two bids were received. The low bid was from B & D Services, Inc of Columbus for \$733,543.45. He recommended for the City to accept the bid from B & D Services.

Councilman Schonenberg asked the budgeted amount for the project. City Manager, Donald Warschak stated that the budget reflected an \$800,000 allocation for the project.

Councilman Schonenberg then asked Sheblak about B & D's experience and if they would be able to handle the project. Sheblak replied that they had pipeline experience and he was confident, based on their standard of qualifications, that they could handle the project.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to award the bid for the Gas Line Project to B & D Services, Inc. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows

Ayes: Councilman Rankin, Schonenberg and Moore Absent: Councilwoman Gobert and Councilman Hernandez

The motion passed.

6. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Moore - None.

Councilwoman Gobert - Absent.

Councilman Schonenberg - None.

Councilman Hernandez - Absent.

Councilman Rankin - None.

Mayor Dungen - None.

7. Announcements.

There were no announcements

8. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Mayor Pro - Tem, Curtiss Schonenberg

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.