



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Thursday, August 18, 2022, 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 (Absent)
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba
Councilman – Michael Ridlen
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lori An Gobert called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

3. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were none.

Council sang Happy Birthday to Bana.

4. Discussion of Budget Workshop - Utility Fund

City Secretary, Bana Schneider explained utility rates to Council.

Adjusting rates is the only option to turning things around.

Warschak projected maps and discussed the 10-year plan and estimated costs for streets, water, wastewater, and gas line and well replacements.

Discussion of proposed permit fees for things not currently being charged.

4.1. Budget Assumptions

4.2. **Combined Summary and Capital Outlay**

4.3. **Utility Fund**

5. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - none

Rankin - mentioned the tax rate article for surrounding entities in the paper; apologized for last meeting on the number of new IRS agents - 87,000 not 86,000

Gobert - update - spoke with school twice, our CAD representative has been encouraged to resign, but he does not want to; he is not in our best interest for representation; we would like a replacement but need to wait for the school district

6. Announcements

Warschak - none

Schneider - Monday is the regular meeting. Voting on the tax rate.

Gobert - Happy Birthday to Bana, again!

7. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.



~~Lori An Gobert, Mayor~~ *Chuck Rankin, Mayor Pro Tem*

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.