

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 6:30 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	-	Steve Woodall (absent)
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin (absent)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included

Assistant City Sec.	-	Kayla Duncan
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1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dwain Dungen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no citizen's presentations or comments.

4. Second Reading of Resolution 96-11 a resolution approving expenditures of 4B revenues over \$10,000 of city created economic development corporations, with less than 20,000 residents for the real estate transaction between Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp. and KW Industries.

Mayor, Dwain Dungen read Resolution 96-11.

5. Consideration and Action to approve Resolution 96-11 a resolution approving expenditures of 4B revenues over \$10,000 of city created economic development corporations, with less than 20,000 residents for the real estate transaction between Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corp. and KW Industries.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve Resolution 96-11 as presented. Councilman Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Tesch, and Schonenberg

Absent: Councilman Woodall and Rankin

The motion passed.

6. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

Finance Director, Linda Lakich, told Council that the 2011 effective tax rate was \$0.27058 per \$100 valuation and that the rollback rate was \$0.28698 if current year debt service payments from tax revenues total \$114,937. Council discussed the possibility of shifting some debt service payments from tax revenues to utility fund revenues since the debt was taken on to fund utility upgrades. They expressed a desire to keep the overall rate at \$0.27312 per \$100 valuation.

Council was given charts showing the City's current water and sewer rates in comparison to surrounding cities. It was noted that the City's residential water rates for 5,000 gallons were the next to the lowest in comparison to those of the others. The City's residential sewer rates for 5,000 gallons were in the middle of the comparison to others. The mayor said that the comparison cities were probably looking at possible increases at this time also and that he would like to see the City to try to at least be in the middle of the

pack. A history of the City's utility rate increases was also presented and it was noted that rates had not been raised since October of 2009.

An updated Wish List was also presented. A donor was found for e-books and the archivist at the library. A request by the Fire Department for a bunker gear washer at a cost of \$7,000 was originally left off the list. Council discussed the items requested.

7. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Mayor Dungen – no comment.

8. Announcements.

The next Budget Workshop will be on August 10th at 6:30 p.m.

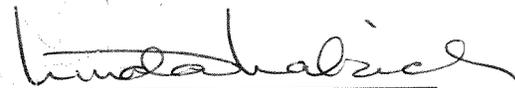
9. Adjournment.

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, 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.

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.

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.