

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 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 (Absent)
Councilman	-	Steve Woodall (Absent)
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Acting Police Chief	-	Tomas Ramirez
Utilities Supervisor	-	Jody Ripper

**1. Call to Order.**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

Mayor Dungen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.<sup>1</sup>**

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

**4. Consideration and Action to Approve Closure of Milam Street Beginning in Front of the Elementary School Ending at Walnut Street and Closure of Walnut Street to the Columbus Cardinal Football Stadium from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 for the Columbus High School Homecoming Parade.**

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the street closure as outlined. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**5. Consideration and Action to Approve Partial Closure of Crossroads Blvd. from 10 a.m. Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for the Colorado County Fair.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak explained that the Fair would like to have the closure so that they can control traffic.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve the street closure as outlined. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**6. Consideration and Action to Approve a Manufactured Home Permit for 1130 Dewees Street.**

Donald Warschak explained that Council had approved a manufactured home permit for this location last year but the permit expired before the owner was able to place the home at the location.

Councilman Axel made a motion to approve the manufactured home permit for 1130 Dewees Street. Councilman Tesch seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**7. Public Hearing on the Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2012 and Fiscal Year 2013.**

Mayor Dungen opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

He explained that the proposed overall tax rate was the same as last year at \$0.27312 with \$0.23626 for maintenance and operations and \$0.03686 for debt service. There was no public comment. The City Secretary stated that the adoption of the tax rate would be on the agenda for September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Dungen closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

**8. Public Hearing on Proposed 2012-2013 City of Columbus Operating Budget.**

Mayor Dungen opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

There was no public comment on the proposed budget.

Mayor Dungen closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

**9. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance No. 137-12, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 122-11 to Adopt a Budget for the Ensuing Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2012 and Ending September 30, 2013.**

Mayor Dungen asked if the Council members had any comments or questions. They did not.

Councilman Tesch made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 137-12 Adopting a Budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Axel, Tesch, and Rankin

The motion passed.

**10. Items from Councilmembers.<sup>2</sup>**

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Tesch – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

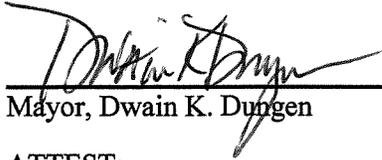
Mayor Dungen – no comment.

**11. Announcements.<sup>2</sup>**

There were no announcements.

**12. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



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Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



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Linda Lakich, City Secretary

<sup>1</sup>During 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.

<sup>2</sup>Limited 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.

