

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 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
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief	-	Bill Lattimore
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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. **Public Hearing on the Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014.**

Mayor Dungen opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. He asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Linda Lakich announced that the City's tax rate would be adopted on September 12, 2013 during the Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Dungen closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

5. **Public Hearing on Proposed 2013-2014 City of Columbus Operating Budget.**

Mayor Dungen opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. He asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Mayor Dungen closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

6. **Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance No. 157-13, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 137-12 to Adopt a Budget for the Ensuing Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2013 and Ending September 30, 2014.**

Mayor Dungen asked for any questions or comments.

Councilman Woodall made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 157-13 to adopt a Budget for the year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014 as presented. Councilman Axel seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Woodall, Axel, Hernandez, and Rankin

The motion passed.

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

Councilman Woodall – no comment.

Councilman Axel – said that he would be giving Council some information concerning Houston's plan for sidewalks for their information.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

Councilman Rankin – no comment.

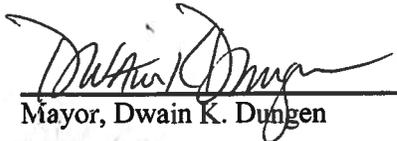
Mayor Dungen – no comment.

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

Donald Warschak announced that he had received word that Columbus has received the Texas Capital Fund Grant for the aerators.

**9. Adjournment.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:34 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.