

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 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)
Councilwoman	-	Lori An Gobert
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' comments or presentations.

**4. Public Hearing on the Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Dungen stated that the tax rate of \$0.27312 was the same rate as adopted last year, but that it would raise more taxes due to increased property values. He asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

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

**5. Public Hearing on Proposed 2015-2015 City of Columbus Operating Budget.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

He asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

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

**6. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance No. 166-14, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 157-13 to Adopt a Budget for the Ensuing Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 and Ending September 30, 2015.**

Mayor Dungen asked if there were any comments on the budget.

Councilman Schonenberg made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 166-14 as presented to adopt a budget for the year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015. Councilman Rankin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Schonenberg, Hernandez, and Rankin  
Councilwoman Gobert

The motion passed.

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

Councilwoman Gobert – no comment.  
Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.  
Councilman Hernandez – no comment.  
Councilman Rankin – no comment.

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

It was announced that the tax rate would be adopted at the Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 11, 2014.

**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.