

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., 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	-	Michael Ridlen
Councilman	-	Gary Swindle
Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Bana Schneider

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Lori An Gobert called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Gobert led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices
- b. Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2018 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval of July 2018 Financial Statements

Councilwoman Frnka made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Swindle seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Cummings, Ridlen, Swindle, and Rankin; Councilwoman Frnka

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

There were no public comments.

5. Discussion of Budget Workshop.

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, briefed Council on the Enterprise Fleet Management Program. She stated she had been in communication with the City of Waxahachie regarding their participation with the program. Schneider shared the comments about their experience. There was discussion regarding the number of vehicles in the City's fleet, and how many vehicles would be leased in the first year of the program. The fleet maintenance program was also discussed.

The increase in general fund revenues in the latest budget revisions was discussed. Schneider told Council she had received confirmation of FEMA reimbursement for debris removal.

The utility fund was discussed. There was discussion regarding the garbage collection rates, and the current contract. There was a lengthy examination of the current rates and different scenarios for rate increases. It was decided to raise the garbage rates 2.25% and raise the

rate for casters and lock bars to \$25 in order to keep up with the rate charged to the City by the collection company.

The increased maintenance expenses for the utility fund were discussed, as well as the transfers made to the general fund. There was an examination regarding the auto read meter system and debt service payments. Different rate scenarios were shared with Council. Base rates and tier rates were discussed for water, sewer and gas. A rate increase of \$.50 per each utility base rate was decided upon.

6. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Cummings – None

Councilman Ridlen – None

Councilman Swindle – None

Councilwoman Frnka – None

Councilman Rankin – None

Mayor Gobert – None

7. Announcements.

There were no announcements.

8. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.



Mayor, Lori An Gobert

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.