



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 5:30 PM, 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 – Ronny Daley
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba
Councilman – Michael Ridlen (Arrived at 5:31 p.m.)
City Manager – Donald Warschak
City Secretary – Bana Schneider

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

3. Citizens' Presentations and Comments¹

There were no citizen comments.

Councilman Ridlen arrived at 5:31 p.m.

4. Public Hearing on the Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023. [TAX](#)

[RATE NOTIFICATION.pdf](#) 

Gobert opened the public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

There were no public comments regarding the proposed tax rate.

The public hearing was closed at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Gobert.

5. Consideration and Action to Approve the Closure of Bowie Street from the Nesbitt Memorial Library Parking Lot to Houston Street from 4:00 p.m. Until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2022 for the Columbus Elementary School Fall Ball. [FALL BALL](#)

[STREET CLOSURE.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the street closure as requested.

Moved by: Ronny Daley

Seconded by: Keith Cummings

Aye Michael Ridlen, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

Carried 5-0

6. Items from Councilmembers²

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Ridlen - Asked when the grant application for Little League restroom improvements would be submitted to the CCIDC.

Rankin - Asked about the new language for the TDS contract. He stated he has concerns about approving the increase requested.

Gobert - none

7. Announcements

There were no announcements

8. Adjournment

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.



Lori An Gobert, Mayor

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.