

The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Richard Heffley
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Charles Richardson
Councilman	-	John Wagner
City Manager	-	David Meisell
City Secretary	-	Patti Glaeser

And the following absent:

Councilwoman	-	Sandra Frnka
Councilman	-	Bruce Tesch

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Heffley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Heffley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Mayor Heffley moved to Agenda Item #4.

meeting adjourned at 6:50pm with no discussion or action on the Agenda items listed below.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Invoices.
- b. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2008 , Regular Meeting.
- c. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2008, Special Meeting.
- d. Approval of August Financial Statements.

4. Citizen's Presentations and Comments¹

5. Discussion of City Manager's Report including Water Project, Water Line Repairs, River Status, Water Pumpage History, Sales Tax Results, Accounts Receivable Clean-up. Tree Trimming and Removal, Veterans' Drive, Muni Gas, Lutheran Hill Drainage.

6. Public Hearing: Consideration and Approval of the City's Budget for all Operating Funds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance #85-08, Adopting the City 's Budget for all Operating Funds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008.

8. Consideration and Action to Ratify Budgeted Property Tax Increase relected in the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget.

9. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 386-08 to Establish the Property Tax Rate.
10. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance #87-08 to Increase the Hotel Occupancy Tax from 6% to 7%.
11. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance # 88-08 to Establish Water Rates.
12. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance # 89-08 to Establish Sewer Rates.
13. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance # 90-08 to Establish Gas Rates.
14. Consideration, Deliberation and Action to Contract for Public Services between the City and the Family Crisis Center.
15. Consideration, Deliberation, and Action to Contract for Public Services between the City and the Combined Community Action, Inc.
16. Discussion and Approval of Industrial Park Appraisals.
17. Consideration and Action to Appoint the City's Representative and Alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's 2009 General Assembly.
18. Consideration and Action to Approve Library Budget Amendment.
19. Discussion of August Police Report.
20. City Manager Review.
21. Items from Councilmembers.²
22. Announcements.

23. Adjournment.

Mayor, Richard Heffley

ATTEST:

Patti Glaeser, 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.

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.

² 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.