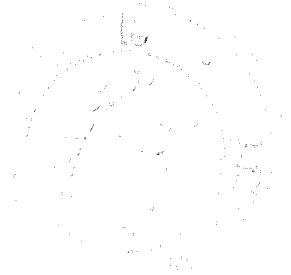


The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in special session on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor	-	Dwain Dungen
Mayor Pro Tem	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Councilman	-	Steve Woodall (Absent)
Councilman	-	John Axel
Councilman	-	Eddie Hernandez
Councilman	-	Chuck Rankin (Absent)
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.¹

There were no citizens' presentations or comments.

4. Workshop.

City Secretary, Linda Lakich, reviewed changes that had been made to the proposed budget since the last budget workshop and told Council that a copy of the proposed budget is posted on the City's website.

Mayor Dungen asked for and received approval from the Council members present for the Utility rate increases. They also okayed the wish list as presented in prior workshops. Councilman Schonenberg said that he has received requests to expand the Recycling Center hours of operation. It was suggested that management study the current usage of the Recycling Center.

The City Secretary reminded Council that the next Budget Workshop and the first public hearing for the tax rate would be at the next Regular Meeting on August 22, 2013. The second public hearing for the tax rate and the public hearing for the budget will be scheduled for a special meeting on September 3, 2013. Council is scheduled to adopt a tax rate during the regular meeting on September 12, 2013.

5. Items from Councilmembers.²

Councilman Axel – no comment.

Councilman Schonenberg – no comment.

Councilman Hernandez – no comment.

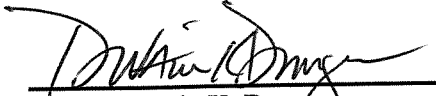
Mayor Dungen – no comment.

6. Announcements.²

There were no announcements.

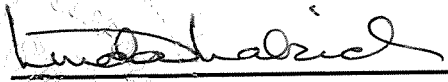
7. Adjournment.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Mayor, Dwain K. Dungen

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, 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.

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.