

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, JULY 11th, 2016

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 11th day of July 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

1. INVOCATION & PLEDGE. Invocation was given by Alderman Walker.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 - Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Tindol, Maynor and Walker.
 City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Olson.
 - Absent: Aldermen Thomas and Biedenfeld.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and welcomed Commissioner Linder. She then thanked all council, staff and everyone that worked so hard during the recent flood event and stated that approximately 100 homes were saved from water damage by the city's proactive efforts. Kincannon reported that members of the Columbia Roughneck and Sweeny Bulldog football teams joined efforts to relieve some of the exhausted volunteers. Tindol also thanked all the volunteers and the community for their efforts and stated he was proud to live in West Columbia.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Commissioner Linder commended the city on their proactive approach during the flood event which allowed him to concentrate on other areas of the county. He stated they were out of resources and energy with approximately 1300 homes effected. Dan Swords of Columbia Lakes thanked the mayor and city manager for reaching out as neighbors and keeping Columbia Lakes involved in flood communications and said it was a "lesson in leadership". He reported that a donation to the United Way had been made in the city's name by the Homeowner's Association. Cody Johns of Alamo Heights then requested a sidewalk or pathway of some nature be constructed between the RV Annex paved area to the library parking lot.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – Approval of the USRDA application for funding of Well No. 4 for a loan of \$1,291,000 at 1.625% for 40 years and an alternate easement route for the transmission line has been identified by the engineer. Walker requested to meet with the engineer regarding the time delay; TxDOT sidewalk project is set to begin today with the contract awarded to Fuqua Construction Co., Inc for \$741,699.95 funded by an 80/20 matching grant; The Robert Wright buildings along the 500 block of E. Brazos are scheduled for demolition by Matula & Matula soon; Flood event was recapped and a FEMA kick-off meeting will be scheduled soon; Public works service orders are being addressed and clean up will begin at Humble St. pump site; Pool activity was reported and Backyard Fireworks event was a success with HEB sponsoring the fireworks display by Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics; and city has submitted request for storm debris removal contract through H-GAC purchasing co-operative.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S).
 - B. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - C. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - D. MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - E. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - F. CEMS. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - H. CONSIDER HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ADVISORY BOARD'S FUNDING

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RECOMMENDATIONS. Application were submitted in Council's packet.

Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Maynor to approve all consent agenda. All voted Aye.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER ANIMAL ORDINANCE: After discussion of the concerns of some citizens with dogs that could no longer be tethered that were getting out of their fenced yards and that a dog could not be left unattended on a tether under any circumstances, it was then recommended that Chief Odin continue to monitor complaints, but the ordinance would not be amended at this time. No action taken.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT – CORRIE GIBSON: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Maynor to forgive \$375.84 of the balance of Corrie Gibson's utility account. All voted Aye.

B. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR TUILITY ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT – WADE WEEMS DBA RIVER ROAD APARTMENTS: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Maynor to forgive \$1,202.69 of the River Rd. Apartment's utility account. All voted Aye.

C. CONSIDER BID FOR TAX RESALE PROPERTY KNOWN AS CREWS (A0040 JH BELL DIV 3)(WEST COLUMBIA), LOT 21B, (7126-T99 IN TRUST) ACRES .3600 – 226 W. JACKSON BY MICHAEL OMORO: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to accept the bid of \$2,500 by Michael Omoro for the property known as 226 W. Jackson to place it back on the tax roll. All voted Aye.

D. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO CALCULATE AND PUBLISH EFFECTIVE TAX RATE: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Walker to authorize Ro'Vin Garrett, the County Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate and publish the effective tax rate. All voted Aye.

E. CONSIDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Walker to approve the mayor's appointment of Josh Autenrieth and re-appointment of Laurie Kincannon, Rory Burke and Jim Stubbs to the EDC Board of Directors. All voted Aye.

F. CONSIDER PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENT: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Maynor to approve the mayor's appointment of Brittany Wisch to the Parks and Recreation Board. All voted Aye.

G. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Maynor to appoint Walker as Mayor Pro-Tem. All voted Aye.

H. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PUMPS FOR WWTP LIFT STATION: WWTP Supervisor, Terry Elliott, discussed the need to purchase and install pumps and reported that the cost would be \$30,700 turn key for both pumps needed. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Walker to authorize the purchase and installation of the pumps. All voted Aye.

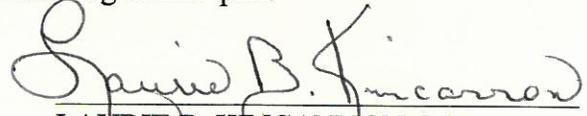
I. CONSIDER APPLICATION TO CO-LOCATE INTERNET TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT TO CITY WATER TOWER LOCATED ON N. 17TH AND ESTABLISH FEES: Kincannon recused herself from discussion and filed a conflict of interest affidavit. Walker led discussion regarding the request from the West Columbia Cottage and RV Resort to locate an internet bridge on the city's water tower for a fee. It was stated that

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CBISD currently pays an annual fee of \$2,500 to rent space on the police department radio tower. Council felt that because of the working relationship with the school, their fee should be less and the RV Resort annual rental fee should be \$3,000. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Maynor to approve the rental request and set the annual fee at \$3,000. All voted Aye.

- J. CONSIDER ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR POLICE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT: Chief Odin reported that the two Dodge Chargers were no longer in service and that other equipment was no longer utilized by the department. He will advertise these items on the TML website. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Walker to authorize the advertising of bids for the sale of two police vehicles and other items. All voted Aye.
- K. CONSIDER SUBMISSION OF 2016/17 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR REVIEW: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Walker to accept the submission of the 2016/17 Proposed Budget and set public hearing for July 25th at 7pm. All voted Aye.
- L. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSAL FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK: For the convenience of the representatives of the fire department, this item was heard at the beginning of the meeting following the city manager's report. Fire Chief Charlie Glisch, Assistant Fire Chief Richard Talesky, and First Captain Mark Kanz reported to council that the city's fire truck, Unit #203 was 19 years old and needed to be replaced and that it is recommended to be replaced every 15 years. Repairs that are needed include a pump that is leaking and the analysis alone is estimated at \$15,000 and must be taken to Houston to be completed. Quotes for new trucks range between \$450,000 and \$500,000. They would be able to get actual estimates by August meeting and hard quotes by September meeting. Their active fleet and each vehicle's usage was discussed. They reported approximately 15 fires were fought within the city limits annually. Tindol recommended having someone come onsite to analyze the truck. Kincannon asked if there were any cost-sharing options and Glisch stated that the ESD funding was used to supply items that the city budget didn't cover. Talesky informed the council on the crash rating on a custom style vehicle and the longevity which would save money in the long run. He also reported on refurbished trucks and/or pumps that can be de-rated, but would no longer be considered Class A rated. Kincannon suggested the ESD be looked into. Walker requested a presentation of why the city is obligated to purchase the truck and other options available. No action taken.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary