

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2018

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 11th day of June, 2018 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 Maynor.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 - Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Maynor, Walker, and Biedenfeld. Also present were City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney David Olson.
 - Absent: Alderman Tindol.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and wished all the fathers a happy Fathers Day. Walker presented council with Columbia United t-shirts and reported there were 76 participants this year with 30-36 projects scheduled. Rotary was acknowledged as a continued sponsor. Biedenfeld stated that he was looking forward to Mr. Weems' comments and that he appreciated Mrs. Alma Spears participation in meetings.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: * Mrs. Spears of 338 Bennett suggested using contractors to get Dixon Park projects completed. * Mrs. Audrey Dixon commented on concerns of the shade canvases installed at Dixon Park and requested permanent structures be installed. She reported that she would help in any way necessary to get this done. * Mr. Sandy Weems of Reid Rd. submitted a written request to the Mayor and distributed information regarding the Army Corps of Engineers 1948 Flood Control Act and flood mitigation grant program. He reported that after project(s) has been submitted for consideration, the Corps. will complete a study to determine eligibility. The first \$100,000 will be funded by the Corps. and anything above that amount is a split between them and the city. If the project is deemed eligible and approved, the study will be a 65/35 cost share with the city. He also noted that the Drainage District denied participation as being outside scope of their organization. City Attorney Olson advised that there was no harm in submitting the request. * Mr. Pat Bennett of Columbia Lakes reported that he was interested in developing a small subdivision of 400 to 700 square foot homes around a community building for those wanting to downsize. He was instructed to visit with the city manager in the next few weeks to discuss more.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – * Well No. 4 Preconstruction conference was held with the Transmission Line and SCADA (electrical) contractors. * TxDOT – letter was drafted voicing concerns over financial burden on city for the Hwy. 36 widening project and options available. * Mike Azbell has been hired as the Building Inspector and Code Enforcement. * Public Works is completing the project on Gray and Loggins. * WWTP Supervisor and city manager met with HDR Engineering and are now reviewing their preliminary report. * Civic Plus will begin its design update on the city's website and the emergency notification system will be included. * City and Parks Board are hosting the 4th of July Backyard Fireworks and HEB is a sponsor.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S). Minutes were submitted in Council packet.
 - B. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT. Reports were submitted in Council packet.
 - C. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Reports were submitted in Council packet.

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D. MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.

E. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. April and May reports have not been submitted.

F. FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.

G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.

Motion was made by Beidenfeld and seconded by Walker to approve all consent agenda reports. All voted Aye.

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

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES:

After Walker commented that he had concerns of prohibiting development, he then made the motion to adopt the 2015 International Building Codes and ordinances therewith.

Thomas seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 660 captioned as

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLES I, II, AND III OF CHAPTER 4, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, BY ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, BUILDING CODE, RESIDENTIAL CODE, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, PLUMBING CODE, ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, MECHANICAL CODE, FUEL GAS CODE, PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL CODE, SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, AND EXISTING BUILDING CODE; ADOPTING THE 2014 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; ADDING LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED CODES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ADOPTED CODES; ESTABLISHING THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THESE ADOPTED CODES; PROVIDING SAVING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES ADOPTING AND AMENDING PREVIOUS CODE EDITIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

All voted Aye.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT – 307 N. 17TH ST:

Ms. Jamesse Kesse was present and reported to council that all leaks had been repaired and submitted receipts. Biedenfeld made a motion to adjust the water in the amount of \$1109.29. Thomas seconded the motion and all voted Aye.

B. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SET-BACK VARIANCE – 1428 PAPENDORF: the Mr.

Pat Bennett was present and reported to council that he had purchased the home at 1428 Papendorf and intended to remove the garage during remodeling. He stated that once the Hwy.36 widening project was completed, it would not meet the city's set-back requirement. After discussion and council not being objective to his request, Olson advised that although the home would be considered a non-conforming structure, it would be premature to make request at this time. No action necessary.

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- C. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY – DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING: It was discussed that the policy includes additional levels of protection by requiring training for department heads to identify signs of drug and alcohol usage. Olson reported that the policy was a detailed plan for a small city and suggested dealing with issues as they arise. Motion was made by Biedenfeld that was seconded by Walker to approve the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. All voted Aye.
- D. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM: Motion was made Biedenfeld to re-appoint Walker as Mayor Pro-Tem for another year term. Motion was seconded by Thomas and all voted Aye.
- E. CONSIDER RESOLUTION SUSPENDING TEXAS-NEW MEXICO POWER COMPANY RATE INCREASE: Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Biedenfeld to adopt Resolution No. 498 suspending TNMP rate increase. All voted Aye.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:47 P.M.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary