

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, JANUARY 14th, 2013

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 14th day of January, 2013, 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. Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 - Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Schwebel, Walker, and Biedenfeld. City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.
 - Absent: None.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon welcomed everyone and wished the community a Happy New Year. There were no presentations.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Mr. Wooters, owner of Live Oak Apartments, voiced his concerns about excavation taking place across from his property on Damon Drive for a proposed RV Park. He requested that council consider the ramifications of this being approved when considering issuance of permits.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported the Highway 36 overpass project has been pushed back from May to July due to right of way issues and environmental clearances; Playground equipment has been ordered for First Capitol Park, but Dixon Park equipment will be ordered upon completion of environmental clearance and the RV parks are full due to construction in the area; and city offices will be closed for MLK holiday.
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. October and November Reports were submitted in Council's packet.
 - G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 Motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Walker to approve all items on the consent agenda. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER AWARDDING BIDS FOR AUXILIARY GENERATORS FOR WATER PLANT #2 AND FIRE STATION: Bids submitted were reported as follows: LL&F Construction Management for \$195,957.00 and McDonald Electric for \$198,469.00. Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to award the bid to LL&F Construction Management. All voted Aye.
 - B. CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to amend the deadline for request to be placed on agenda by adopting Ordinance No. 614 captioned as:
 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 SECTION 2-21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS ENTITLED MEETING AGENDA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES,

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ARE IN ANY MANNER INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT
WITH THIS ORDINANCE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY
CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All voted Aye.

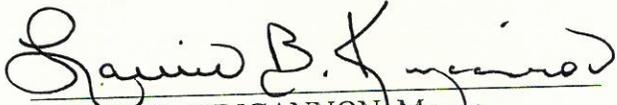
9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS IMPACT STUDY OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO COLUMBIA LAKES: It was reported that the EDC had recommended that council form an exploratory committee to prioritize options to overcome questions and hurdles regarding the provision of services to Columbia Lakes and possible annexation. Walker questioned whether a majority of the residents of Columbia Lakes were in favor of this or just a few. It was suggested to poll both Columbia Lakes and city residents. Tindol suggested that surveys be sent out with utility bills. Sutherland reported that a good survey response is roughly 30%. Walker suggested that the office of the city manager prepare a fact finding survey. Sutherland suggested including other avenues to help citizens have an informed opinion such as newspaper articles, website, or town meetings. Also discussed was the possible impact of annexation on security, fire, etc. Thomas recommended involving the Homeowners Association by having council attend their meeting. Copies of study are to be made available to the public. No action taken.

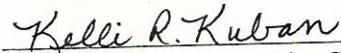
B. CONSIDER CHAMBER'S REQUEST TO HOST SAN JACINTO FESTIVAL COOK-OFF AT AMERICAN LEGION GROUNDS: Tindol reported that the Chamber was requesting to move the San Jacinto BBQ Cook-off to the American Legion grounds along the outside parameter as this was the location for all other events. He stated that the Rotary shrimp boil was scheduled for another weekend. Chamber is to repair any damage to the grounds. Motion was made by Biedenfeld to allow Chamber to use American Legion grounds and waive rental fees. Motion was seconded by Schwebel. Walker suggested that the decision be reassessed if the Rotary fundraiser was in conflict to which Beidenfeld amended his motion and Walker seconded. All voted Aye.

C. CONSIDER PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Kincannon re-appointed Melissa Alexander and Sharon Williams to another term and appointed Tiffanie Gupton, Jenny Kincannon, Noe Servin and Joshua Edwards to vacant positions. Motion was made by Walker to approve appointments, seconded by Thomas. All voted Aye.

10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary