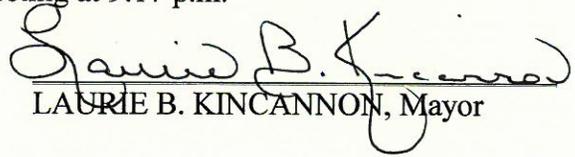


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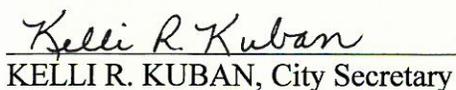
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A SPECIAL MEETING
 MONDAY, JULY 22ND, 2013

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 22nd day of July, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in a special meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Mayor Kincannon. Present were Kincannon, Thomas, Maynor, Walker, and Biedenfeld, City Manager Sutherland and City Secretary Kuban. Tindol was absent.
2. ANNEXATION WORKSHOP: The annexation priority list was discussed and Walker stated that those properties receiving city services should be annexed and pay city taxes to be fair to the tax-paying citizens. It was suggested to clearly and precisely note increased property values and insurance benefits in communication to proposed property owners for annexation. Service availability is what would determine those properties. City manager was directed to draft letter to send to those property owners.
3. CONSIDER EDC BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS: Motion was made by Biedenfeld, seconded by Thomas to approve funding sign improvement grants for Southern Pixie Dust and Salon 321. All voted Aye.
4. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET: Kincannon closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Goals were reported for the next budget year with the following topics being discussed: CEMS contract for current \$46,000 was recommended to be decreased in small increments over the next few years, still allowing the option to make separate requests for special projects when needed. It was requested to see more data on their budget, included that funded by ESD. This was also requested of the Fire Department. Also discussed was the future of the American Legion building and their contract with the city. In discussing the relocation of the Library to the Jr. High it was reported that County Commissioners would only be willing to fund operations equal to its current size. With no public comments being made, Kincannon closed the public hearing and opened the budget workshop at 7:59 p.m.
5. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Sutherland reported on the ongoing budget process. Utility rate increase was discussed with a recommendation of \$1 for each water and sewer from \$3.45 to \$4.45 base rate for 1500 gallons. The need to increase in increments over a set number of years to get rate where it would meet operation costs was also discussed. Tiered billing based on usage and users was also suggested by Biedenfeld and discussed at length. Chief Odin went over his five year strategic plan touching on crime, personnel, fleet and budget. Fleet recordkeeping will be implemented as well as revisions to the policy and procedure manual. The future of the EOC building and safety precautions for the police department were discussed. The full-time officer position will be left vacant until further notice. Next workshop was scheduled for Monday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m.
6. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary