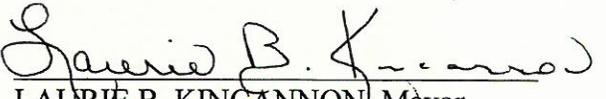


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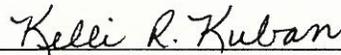
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 29TH, 2013

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 29th 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 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Kincannon. Present were Kincannon, Thomas, Tindol, Maynor, Walker, and Biedenfeld, City Manager Sutherland and City Secretary Kuban. None were absent.
2. CONSIDER REQUEST TO FUND SRT EQUIPMENT – POLICE CHIEF ODIN: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to deny the request of Police Chief Odin to fund the SRT equipment in the amount of \$30,200. All voted Aye.
3. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Sutherland distributed data on current water rates and usage history. Biedenfeld suggested raising the minimum amount from 1500 gallons back to 2000 gallons and create a tiered rate scale based on specific usage increments to encourage conservation of resources. He also suggested a bifurcated rate scale per gallon of water based on family size which Walker countered that a larger family shouldn't have to pay more for a gallon of water than a smaller family. Walker had no issue with a tiered rate based on usage alone. Sutherland reported that revenues, especially in General Fund, were not keeping up with inflation of operations and maintenance. After much debate on separate rates for certain citizens and promoting a retirement community, notorious usage, increments for increases, etc., it was recommended to remove cap on sewer and increase base rate of sewer and water up to 1500 gallon minimum by \$.25 each to an even \$13. Also recommended was to increase the rate per 1000 over minimum by 20% and over 15,000 gallons by 10%.
4. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary