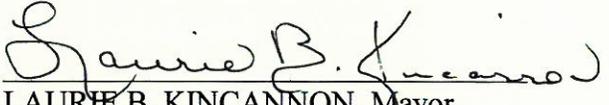


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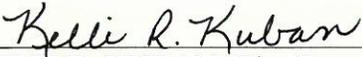
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2013

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 5th day of August, 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, Tindol, Maynor, Walker, and Biedenfeld, City Manager Sutherland and City Secretary Kuban. None were absent.
2. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Sutherland distributed charts on water consumption history. She stated that the Utility Fund budget was balanced and the General Fund budget was approximately \$7,900 from being balanced and that council had requested the Fire Department look at ways to cut back. Walker reported that Columbia Lakes claims 46% of capacity of sewer plant in their bond language so, therefore, should be equally responsible for the expenses. Varner Creek Utility District waste water agreement, user fee calculations and replacement fund were discussed. A 20% rate increase on the replacement fund was suggested as the .03/1000 gal. rate set in the 1970's was well overdue. Kincannon contacted CEMS to inform them of council's recommendation to cut back on funding in annual increments. Biedenfeld questioned if overtime budget should be capped. Fire department reported that they were able to cut approximately \$15,000 from their budget, which will be reviewed for acceptance in full or in part. Sutherland also distributed a chart of five year projections of operation & maintenance items to give council a visual idea of future budget needs. Kincannon discussed the Visitor Center position to be funded by Hotel Occupancy Tax and suggested the funding be shared with the EDC. Walker commented that sustainability of the position should govern the salary and operating budget. It was recommended to put a \$40,000 budget in place and create a portfolio of the position. It could then be determined if it would be filled this coming fiscal year. Biedenfeld volunteered to sit on the interview board and recommended Maynor to serve as well. Sutherland stated that the proposed overall budget is based on the current tax rate.
3. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary