

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, JULY 9th, 2012

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 9th day of July, 2012, 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.

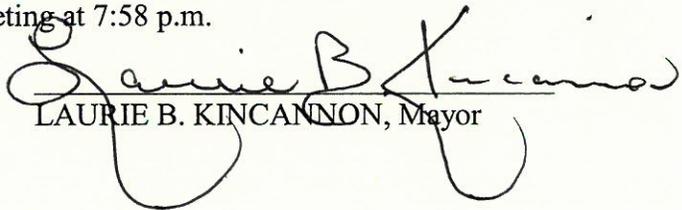
Absent: None.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon welcomed everyone and Employ of the Month awards were given to Bobby Wishert, Calvin Cole and Debbie Sutherland.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Renee Hargrove and Robert Woolsey addressed concerns of safety and property damage caused by trespassing through their properties on Long Street due to a popular path known as "the trail". Requested safety light be replaced and help with costs of constructing a privacy fence. Mayor stated that the city could not be responsible for fencing but Chief Palmer advised on safety measures. It was discussed that citations could be given for properties with code violations for high grass and wooded areas. The issue of the street light would be further reviewed for ownership.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following topics: TxDOT updates; Highway 36 overpass; Sales Tax overpayment of approximately \$154,000 request to be reimbursed over seven year period has been approved; Emergency siren repairs almost complete; Generator behind HEB being repaired and WWTP participated in electrical reduction event; Streets and Drainage report; Parks & Recreation awarded Dow grant for playground equipment at 1st Capitol Park, Sidewalk grant application due August 1st, 4th of July Fireworks display a success; Fire Marshal must be certified and county not available at this time; Disaster Recovery Funding for generator projects will begin soon for the Loggins Street well and the fire station.
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 not submitted in Council's packet.
 - F. CEMS. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - H. CONSIDER FUNDING OF ADVERTISEMENT IN THE WEST OF THE BRAZOS SPECIAL EDITION OF THE BRAZORIA COUNTY NEWS.

Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas and was duly adopted to approve all Consent Agenda items including department reports and the advertisement in the West of the Brazos special edition of the Brazoria County News. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Schwebel to appoint Jenny Kier to the HOT Advisory Board. All voted Aye.

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- B. CONSIDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT:
 Motion was made by Schwebel, seconded by Thomas to appoint Rory Burke to the EDC Board of Directors. All voted Aye.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. SUBMISSION OF 2012/13 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR REVIEW: Sutherland reported that the initial budget submissions resulted in General Fund and Utility Fund expenditures exceeding revenues by \$621,077. After her preliminary cuts there is a shortfall in General Fund of \$45,034 and Utility Fund of \$113,250. The department heads will continue to meet to propose a balanced budget. A budget workshop is scheduled for July 16th and Public Hearing for July 23rd. Not action necessary.
- B. AUTHORIZE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO CALCULATE AND PUBLISH EFFECTIVE TAX RATE: Motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Biedenfeld to authorize the County Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate and publish effective tax rate. All voted Aye.
- C. CONSIDER NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL: No action taken.
- D. CONSIDER SPEED LIMIT CHANGE STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Speed limits coming into city limits and leaving city limits were discussed as being inconsistent. Chief Palmer submitted a report of limits at all entrances. Various suggestions by council included removing traffic light at S. 14th Street and placing one in the Mattson Street area. It was further discussed that the west entrance of town at Ms. Missy's daycare and the FM 1301 area was dangerous at the current 65 mph speed. Motion was made by Schwebel to change limits and add light or lights at appropriate areas and ask for TxDOT recommendations. Tindol seconded motion. All voted Aye.
- E. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT RADIO EQUIPMENT: Sutherland reported on the radio system to be replaced due to the recent lightening strike. The damaged system could not be repaired and the replacement system is just over her authorized purchasing limit at \$57,570.79. The system will be purchased in part from Motorola and Bearcom with the assistance of the H-GAC purchase co-op. Insurance will cover most of the costs and there is a \$2500 deductible. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to authorize the purchase of the radio equipment. All voted Aye.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary