

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

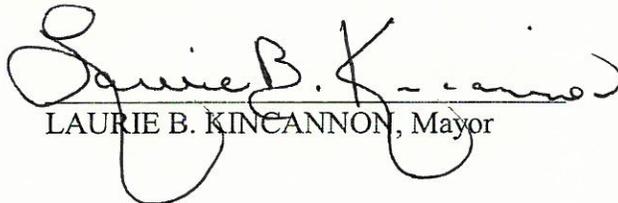
The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 16th day of July, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in a special meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Kincannon. Present were Kincannon, Schwebel, Walker, Biedenfeld, Thomas, City Manager Sutherland and City Secretary Kuban. Absent was Thomas.
2. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Sutherland reported that the General Fund year end projected revenues are at approximately 2.3 million with projected expenses at 2.367 million. Insurance claim for lightening strike damages could be a changing factor in that the amount reimbursed is unknown at this time for estimated costs between \$70,000 and \$75,000 and the number of deductibles required at \$2,500 each. Utility Fund year end projected revenues are at \$1.269 million expenditures projected at \$1.179 million. Unknown factors could be well and lift station problems, drought, etc.

Accomplishments have been the Fire Department roof repair, electrical upgrade at the Police Department, replacing the S. Columbia Drive water line, S. Hwy 35 annexation and utility extension, ground storage tank rehab project, cleaned ditches, upgraded phone system and health insurance, created a Juvenile Case Manager position and acquired the Capitol of Texas Park. Still planned is the pot hole repair project with the county and the generators for the Fire Department and Well #3.

Sutherland requested council to review the seven categories of the Vision 20/20 to determine if the goals are being attained. She also reported on a list of objectives of 2012/13 being met without an increase to taxes or utility rates. Overall budget proposals are very near current budget. She reported that department head's number one priority was raises for their employees. Replacement of both servers will be funding this year. Various savings will be seen in electrical costs, retirement, and insurance costs. Voluntary cuts within departments were discussed as were employee pay scales and other local area tax rates. Public hearing is scheduled for July 23rd at 7pm.

3. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary