

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2011

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 10th day of January, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

1. INVOCATION & PLEDGE. Was given by Alderman Schwebel.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Schwebel, and Gilbert.
 City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.
 Absent: Walker.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Gilbert and was duly adopted to approve the minutes as submitted. All voted Aye.
4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL GREETINGS.
 - Mayor Kincannon greeted everyone, Alderman Tindol reported on the upcoming Chamber Banquet and invited the public to attend.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. Sutherland reported on the following: Highway 36 project update; Highway 35 Downtown project update; EDC Business Incentive Grant report; Pool is being prepped for upcoming season; SECO Energy Grant work should begin soon; Inflow and infiltration report; City's new website should be online soon; West Columbia is hosting the BCCA January meeting.
6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Their were none.
7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
 - A. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT. City Secretary Kuban reviewed the revenues and expenditures report. Motion was made by Alderman Tindol, seconded by Alderman Gilbert, and was duly adopted to approve the report as submitted. All voted Aye.
 - B. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - C. MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - D. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - E. CEMS. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
 - F. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND POLICY: Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Tindol and was duly adopted to table pending submittal of revision. All voted Aye.
 - B. CONSIDER AWARDED BID FOR GROUND STORAGE TANK REPAIRS: City Engineer Sheblak made recommendation to award bid to Corrosion Eliminators of Mineral Wells as the low bidder. He reported of proposed changes that would result in a cost reduction of \$16,875. Motion was made by Schwebel, seconded by Tindol and was duly adopted to award the bid for ground storage tank repairs to Corrosion Eliminators. All voted Aye.
 - C. CONSIDER CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE: Kincannon commended the committee for their efforts. Thomas gave report of priority projects. No action necessary.
 - D. CONSIDER ENTERING INTO CENTURYLINK PRODUCT AND SERVICE AGREEMENT: Sutherland recommended the committee continue their research. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Gilbert and was duly adopted to table. All voted Aye.
 - E. CONSIDER DONALD GEORGE CONDEMNATION APPEAL UPDATE: Sutherland

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reported on actions taken since appeal was filed. The submitted work plan would result in an eighteen month rehab. Columbia United and American Legion were discussed as rehab options. Thomas made motion to accept the consideration of work plan submitted and rule on condemnation status. Motion died for lack of a second. Building permit regulations were discussed. Thomas made motion again, seconded by Schwebel and was duly adopted to accept Mr. George's work plan submitted. All voted Aye.

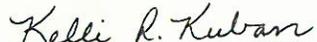
9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CONSIDER BID FOR TAX RESALE PROPERTY: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF CREWS (A00040 JH BELL DIVISION 3)(WEST COLUMBIA) LOT 21B, .360 ACRES, 226 W. JACKSON – BY LEE SCHMITT: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas and was duly adopted to approve the bid of \$2,700 by Lee Schmitt. Thomas, Tindol, and Schwebel voted Aye. Gilbert voted Nay. Motion carried.
- B. CONSIDER BID FOR TAX RESALE PROPERTY: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF CREWS (A00040 JH BELL DIVISION 3)(WEST COLUMBIA) LOT 38, 4.020 ACRES – BY CHERI GESERICK: Motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Gilbert and was duly adopted to approve the bid of \$4,915 by Cheri Geserick. All voted Aye.
- C. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR UTILITIES TO NEWLY ANNEXED AREA ON SOUTH BUSINESS HIGHWAY 35: Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Thomas with no objections to move this agenda item to be addressed immediately following the Old Business in order to accommodate the travel of the City Engineer. Sutherland stated that the rough estimate for utility extension of the annexation of South Business Hwy. 35 was \$240,000 and recommended that funding options include the engineering costs. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Gilbert and was duly adopted to authorize the city engineer to design the plans for the extension of utilities to the newly annexed area. All voted Aye.
- D. CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING WEST COLUMBIA PARKS MASTER PLAN: Sutherland stated that revisions needed to be made to the draft plan. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Gilbert and was duly adopted to table. All voted Aye.
- E. CONSIDER SET-BACK VARIANCE REQUEST BY VERONICA DAVIS: Ms. Davis requested a set-back variance for her to set a storage shed in her back yard less than the 7.5' required. It was discussed that there was a vacant lot adjacent to her property line. Motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Gilbert and was duly adopted to approve the set-back variance. All voted Aye.

10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary