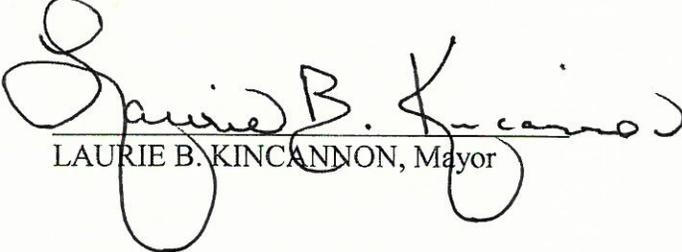


STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 25th day of April, 2011, 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 7:02 p.m by Mayor Kincannon. Present were Thomas, Tindol, Schwebel, and Walker, City Manager Sutherland and City Secretary Kuban.
2. CONSIDER HOSTING BRAZORIA COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE: Schwebel stated that even though it was the city's turn to host the annual parade, the American Legion was not in favor of participating based on the expense involved and the lack of resources. She also reported that the City of Angleton would be hosting a dedication of their Veteran's Park and felt that the majority of the county population would be attending. Future participation was discussed. She suggested a letter from the city supporting the American Legion's position may be appropriate, but after further discussion it was deemed unnecessary. No action taken.
3. WORKSHOP – 6 MONTH BUDGET REVIEW: Sutherland reported on the current state of the budget and projections for the remainder of the fiscal year. Issues discussed were: Sales tax revenues, receivables and encumbered funds and the number of days in reserve funds advised by the auditors; Budgeted raises and needed repairs of wastewater plant; concern over department heads stringent projections; Cut-backs suggested by City Manager leaving fund balance shortfall of approximately \$60,000; Employee lay-offs as opposed to completing projects; Transfer of \$15,000 from Sewer treatment plant replacement fund to off-set repair costs; Revisiting CEMS current funding agreement; and limiting manholes to maintenance only when repairs and replacements are eminent. With all adjustments discussed there is still a need for approximately \$20,000 needed to come in under budget. Closing the pool and cutting health insurance were discussed as options that Council was not ready to act on. Sutherland stated that salary increases are not likely to take place this year. City Manager and Department Heads are to continue studying the budget.
4. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary