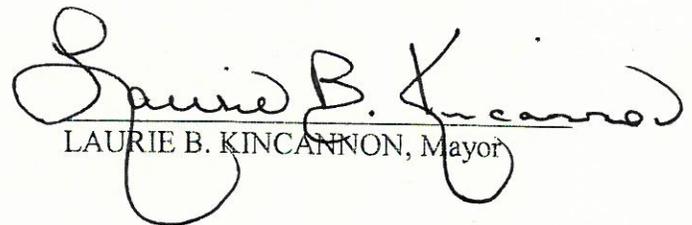


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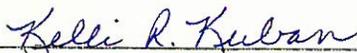
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 29th, 2011

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 7:00 p.m. Present were Kincannon, Schwebel, Walker and Gilbert, Sutherland and Kuban. Also present were Palmer, Weems, Chafin, Hayes, Fisher and Elliott. Absent were Thomas, Tindol and Griggs.
2. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUES FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL BY 7.16 PERCENT: Mayor Kincannon opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. No public comments were made. Public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.
3. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Sutherland reported that the budget is calculated using the current tax rate and some of the implemented changes to date are: \$24,000 in increased court fine revenues by raising fines \$10; \$12,000 in revenue for a juvenile case manager fund; \$22,000 in ad Valorem tax revenue; \$7,000 divided between the GF and UF for credit card fees charged back to customer; \$6,800 by deleting the crossing guard position; \$8,000 saved from softball electrical expenses; the hiring of a part-time court clerk and \$3,000 in Fire Prevention sponsorship. Also discussed was the Cop grant in the amount of \$41,800 to fund a patrol officer. Schwebel recommended that Fire Department training be covered by the ESD to save an additional \$7,000 and that no line items overlap funding by both the city and the ESD. Also suggested was to raise the utility penalty fees from 10% to 20%. Sutherland is to submit clean copies of budget with all changes included.
4. ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

  
LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary