

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 2013

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 12th day of November 2013, 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. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Tindol, Walker and Biedenfeld. City
 Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.
 Absent: Aldermen Thomas and Maynor.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and Alderman Tindol invited the public to the Chamber's Christmas Parade and Light Up the First Capitol festivities.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Mrs. Alma Spears commented on her dissatisfaction of the paving repair of Bennett Street and Mrs. Shirley Grice commended the new police chief.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the cancelation of Trick or Treat in the Park due to inclement weather; work has begun on the pond with the island being eliminated, increasing the size of the pier, repairs of leaks and she stated that Texas Parks and Wildlife have been kept informed throughout the entire project; Dixon Park items are being completed; Clay Street water line project completed; all lift station repairs have been completed; rate increase will appear on November utility bills; 100 Club grant for sixteen (16) vests, one (1) shield and seven (7) radios was awarded to the Police Department in the amount of \$30,672.30; and city offices will be closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
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 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 HOT ADVISORY BOARD FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS.
 Tindol made motion to accept all consent agenda items for approval including the approval of HOT funding for the Chamber in the amount of \$317.28, City in the amount of \$970.00, Varner Hogg Volunteers for the amount of \$575.00 and for the Museum in the amount of \$1,095.00. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER TRANSFER OF LEASE AGREEMENT – ULTRA COMMUNICATION GROUP: Tindol made motion to approve the transfer of the lease agreement from Texas Mid-Gulf Cable to Ultra Communication Group. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye.
 - B. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY ON S. 17TH STREET:
 Motion was made by Walker to accept the donation of the 17th St. property and approve the strategy plan submitted by the EDC. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye.

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9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CONSIDER CEMS BUDGET REQUEST: Mike Vitek of CEMS Board of Directors requested council's reconsideration of budget decrease and to hold it at \$48,000. He stated that new ambulances needed to be purchased soon as well as building maintenance costs to be covered, etc. It was discussed that the total decrease over a three year period would be \$12,000 to \$13,000. Walker stated that CEMS was the only contractual obligation of city's budget and that the obligation is what would be cut. It was discussed that an ESD tax increase would be more appropriate to spread the cost over all taxpayers that receive services. Kincannon reported that the ESD would only have to raise their tax by .01 whereas the city would have to increase theirs by .04 with only the citizens of the city footing the bill. Tindol stated that he wanted CEMS supporters to know that he was against any decrease in their budget. It was recommended that CEMS justify their expenses during the budget cycle the same as required by all other departments and Vitek agreed to sit in during workshops and stated that the board would hold discussions before their budget cycle. CEMS fiscal year is January through December. Kincannon strongly stated that support of CEMS was not in question and Walker stated that he "likes Central". CEMS Director, Susan Hays offered that questions are welcomed anytime and are encouraged. No action necessary.
- B. CONSIDER CBISD SOFTBALL PROPOSAL – STEVEN GALLOWAY: Mr. Galloway reported that bond election talks withdrew funding of new softball field in lieu of bathrooms and parking. He has presented a proposal in conjunction with WCGSA of a conceptual design to help solve the problem. He submitted a copy of the current agreement with revised proposals. He gave scenerios of problems from both entities points of view and concluded that an additional field at First Capitol Park would be the answer. This field would be dedicated as the CHS practice field, but WCGSA could also use it as a pixie division playing field for tournaments. He reiterated that he was requesting council to approve the concept of a fourth field. After Walker questioned some of the content of the agreement he made a motion to agree to the concept without the drafted agreement. After some further discussion, he amended motion to approve the conceptual design with further communication. Tindol seconded the motion. All voted Aye.
- C. TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION – MR. SAM STAMPORT: Mr. Stamport gave a power point presentation regarding the current public transportation options and reported on the difficulty of its use and the proposed benefits of a city owned service. He also reported on costs of contracting with Connect Transit which could result in a tax increase, but also discussed other options. Walker suggested that working to improve the current services before raising taxes would be a better option. No action necessary.
- D. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT – GULF COAST CHRISTIAN CENTER: Walker recused himself from discussion as he is an employee of the Center. Mrs. Wilson represented the GCCC and requested that their account be adjusted. She presented a six (6) year history of the building in question and the meter function was discussed. Tindol made motion to adjust their account but didn't know by what amount. Leak options were considered, checked and eliminated per Mrs. Wilson. The request of adjustment was for \$625.82. Biedenfeld seconded motion. All voted Aye with Walker abstaining.

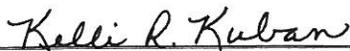
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- E. CONSIDER RESOLUTION CASTING VOTES FOR BRAZORIA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: After discussing that the city is allowed 10 votes, motion was made by Biedenfeld to cast seven (7) votes for Salyer, two (2) votes for Kade, and one (1) vote for Garrett. Tindol seconded motion. All voted Aye.
- F. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK: It was reported that Chief Odin has requested an amendment to the personnel policy reducing holiday pay from twelve (12) hour to eight (8) hour increments within the police department. Motion was made by Tindol to approve the amendment to the employee handbook. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye.
- G. CONSIDER VACATION BUYOUT IN POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Odin reported that his department is two (2) employees short with Officer Wiley injured and Filer resigning. He has placed Capt. Tiner and Det. Dvorak on patrol. He is requesting a buyout of all officer's unused vacation leave because the overtime that would result from any more officers being absent would outweigh the cost of the buyout. Motion was made by Tindol to approve Chief Odin's request to buyout police officer's vacation. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld and all voted Aye.
- H. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE: Chief Odin reported on vehicle repairs to date and anticipated upcoming maintenance/repairs. He stated that three (3) units run 24/7 and that Philpott Motors has a demo Explorer, pursuit rated SUV at a cheaper price than other models discussed. Some equipment from the Crown Victoria's will be able to be transferred. Walker confirmed that a new vehicle would be replacing a vehicle and not adding to the fleet. Sutherland stated that although general fund reserves are available, Prosperity Bank will offer a 2.9% interest rate. Walker made motion to approve the purchase of a second new police vehicle with Biedenfeld seconded motion. All voted Aye.
11. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:16 P.M.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary