

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2013

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 9th day of December 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, Maynor, Walker and Biedenfeld.
 City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.
 Absent: Aldermen Thomas.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and thanked Matthew Fisher for his service as the Utility Department Supervisor and reported his resignation to move to Corpus Christi. She then introduced his replacement, Jeff Boyd, and welcomed him to the city.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Mr. Sam Stampert requested a status update of his transportation presentation given the previous month and requested a committee be appointed to move forward. Council did not support this being a future action item.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported that the work has begun on the pond with the dirt being hauled out is to be used for a berm for a gun range for the Police Department located at the WWTP; Dixon Park parking lot posts are due in later in the month and pads for picnic tables are to be installed; Phone connections between the wells are being checked and installed to allow communication between them; lift station problems continue; utility rate increase becomes effective on the November bills; Asphalt project on Bennett Street did not cover the entire length of the street; Auditors are due later in the month to complete their field work for the 2012/13 fiscal year; WWTP permit renewal is being worked on with the city engineer; and city offices will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.
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 EDC BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. Tindol made motion to accept all consent agenda items for approval including the approval of EDC grant funding for Chesney's Jewelry up to \$1,596.99 and AFB Properties at Flowers by Mary Lee up to \$1,455.97. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. PUBLIC HEARING(S):
 - A. WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR SAIROJ, INC. DBA MINI MART, 902 E. BRAZOS AVE., WEST COLUMBIA TX: Kincannon closed the open meeting and entered into the public hearing at 7:09 P.M. There were no public comments made so Kincannon closed the public hearing at 7:10 P.M.
 - B. RESIDENT PROTECTION ORDINANCE REGARDING A PROPOSED BUSINESS AT

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1524 S. COLUMBIA DRIVE BY HEIDI LUSTER, OWNER: Kincannon entered into a public hearing at 7:10 P.M. There were no public comments made so Kincannon closed the public hearing and reconvened the open meeting at 7:11 P.M.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR WET SLUDGE HAULING FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Sutherland reported that the only bid was received by Magna Flow which is the company the city currently contracts with for a rate of \$.06 per gallon plus fuel surcharges. She stated that they were proposing to increase the rate to \$.07. Motion was made by Biedenfeld to accept the bid and negotiate the price. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted Aye.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CONSIDER RESIDENTIAL PROTECTION ORDINANCE REGARDING PROPOSED BUSINESS AT 1524 S. COLUMBIA DRIVE BY HEIDI LUSTER, OWNER: Walker made motion to allow the issuance of any necessary permits for this business. Biedenfeld seconded the motion and all voted Aye.
- B. CONSIDER WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR SAIROJ, INC. DBA MINI MART, 902 E. BRAZOS AVENUE, WEST COLUMBIA TX: Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Biedenfeld to authorize the city secretary's signature on the permit application. All voted Aye. Sutherland stipulated that the area around the dumpsters are to be kept clean and a fire code path to the back door is to be kept clear at all times.
- C. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS: Chief Odin introduced Adam Cooper and Ronald Courts and recommended approval for them to be appointed to the reserve force. Motion was made by Biedenfeld and seconded by Tindol to approve their appointment. All voted Aye.
- D. CONSIDER PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS: It was discussed that there were five positions with terms expiring and they were four members interested in serving another term. There is also an additional vacant seat that would expire in 2015 that has not been filled to date. Motion was made by Walker to re-appoint the four incumbents to their seats and appoint Jessica Rhodes to the final seat expiring in 2016 and appoint Deena Green-Patrick to the vacant seat expiring in 2015. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld with all voting Aye.
- E. CONSIDER WASTE CONNECTION RATE INCREASE TO SOLID WASTE CONTRACT: Sutherland explained the contract terms and stated that the West of the Brazos cities of Sweeny and Brazoria were trying to get all contract expirations to coincide to become a stronger force in negotiating a common contract. She recommended that the General Fund absorb any rate increase at this time since the Utility Fund recently saw a water rate increase go out on bills. Kincannon addressed heavy brush issues and Walker inquired about seeking bids. It was reported that Sweeny and Brazoria were both due to expire in 2017. Walker made recommendation to vote to negotiate the contract and rates. Waste Connections representative Andy Terrango was present to explain the contract's auto-renewal clause. Sutherland suggested to table the issue for her to negotiate with Waste Connections. No action taken.
11. CLOSED MEETING: THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN A CLOSED SESSION OR A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551 ENTITLED "OPEN

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MEETINGS" OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO DELIBERATE PERSONNEL MATTERS – REVIEW EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Kincannon closed the open

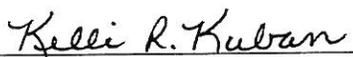
meeting and entered into a closed session at 7:29 P.M. Open meeting reconvened at 7:40 P.M.

12. ACTION AS A RESULT OF A CLOSED MEETING: Motion was made by Walker and was seconded by Biedenfeld to approve employee Christmas bonuses of 1% annual pay. All voted Aye.

13. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary