

STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
 OF A REGULAR MEETING  
 MONDAY, JANUARY 13th, 2014

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014, 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 Biedenfeld.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.  
 Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, Maynor, and Biedenfeld.  
 City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.  
 Absent: Aldermen Walker.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and presented Employee of the Month awards to Kelli Kuban and Pete Pedraza.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Ms. JoFrancis Chastain commented on the unsightly condition of the lot at the corner of Hwy. 35 and N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated that the sign leading to the city park and facilities could not be seen. Mr. Alan Kolodny, Democratic candidate for County Commissioner introduced himself and invited citizens to visit with him after the meeting.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported that there was no update on the Hwy 36 overpass project to date; Work on the pond continues and concrete from the Don Davis property is being used for rip rap around the edges; Dixon Park items will be completed once the pond project is finished; E. Clay Street water line project is completed and communication problems have been re-evaluated and monitoring will be done manually until the SCADA system is installed; Pump motor has been replaced on Well #2 and Well #3 will now be evaluated; WWTP permit renewal has been submitted to TCEQ; City offices will be closed for MLK 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.
 Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to accept all reports. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. CONSIDER AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF SOLID WASTE CONTRACT: It was discussed that Waste Connections had met with the city manager regarding a proposed Consumer Price Index rate increase of 3.63% which would have made the residential rate \$17.05. It was agreed to keep the current \$16.45 for the next two years and extend the contract through 2017 to coincide with the Sweeny and Brazoria contract expirations. The only increases during the remainder of the contract would be for fuel adjustment rates. Tindol made motion to amend and extend the contract. Thomas seconded motion and all voted Aye.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT – APOSTOLIC

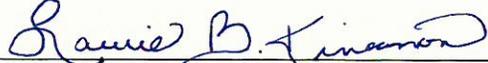
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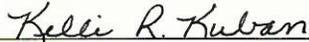
LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH: Motion was made by Biedenfeld to approve an adjustment to the Apostolic Lighthouse Church's Klassy Kids Daycare in the amount of \$113.82. Tindol seconded motion and all voted Aye.

- B. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS TAX ABATEMENT POLICY: Sutherland reported that the tax abatement policy and guidelines must be reviewed and approved every two years. She stated that the current guidelines address new businesses, but there was nothing in place to encourage residential growth. Thomas made motion to approve Resolution No. 439 adopting the tax abatement policy and guidelines. Tindol seconded motion and all voted Aye.

10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

  
LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary