

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 2014

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 10th day of February 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 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 presented Employee of the Month award to Rodney Haney.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were none.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported that the county would be requested to repair walking trail after the pond rehab, Kidfish will be March 29, San Jacinto Festival will be held at First Capitol Park, and a Park Host is being considered; Future weather days will be charged against holidays; TxDOT has started the ditch cleaning project along Hwy 36 and drainage is being addressed to help flooding issues at Dairy Queen parking area; Third project to be funded by the Hurricane Relief Assistance Program will be the SCADA system that will monitor wells and lift stations; Phone system between the Clay Street well and N. 17th well was deemed unnecessary in lieu of the pending SCADA system; and City offices will be closed for Presidents Day holiday. The repair of 15th and 16th Streets were recommended to be included, along with Sinclair, in the county resurfacing project. It was discussed that additional funding was included in the current budget.
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 not 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.
 Kincannon requested the Racial Profiling Report be removed from the consent agenda. Walker seconded the request, followed by a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda items, excluding Fire Department report that had not been submitted. Motion was seconded by Tindol. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: Chief Odin read the Racial Profiling Report to the public. Motion to approve the report was made by Tindol, seconded by Maynor. All voted Aye.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER 2012/13 ANNUAL AUDIT – KENNEMER, MASTERS & LUNSFORD, LLC: Wade Whitlow of Kennemer, Masters & Lunsford, LLC reported that the city had a successful audit and commended staff for their professionalism and preparation. He stated that the city has increased its fund balance to nearly 25%, or three months reserve. He gave a breakdown of balances per fund. Motion to approve the audit was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye.

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- B. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE OFFICERS AND DESIGNATION OF CORPORAL RANK TO THE RESERVE FORCE: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to approve the appointments of Officer Synovia Bonner and Detective Denise Janssen to the reserve force and the designation of a Corporal rank. All voted Aye.
- C. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT – WCLL: Mr. J.C. Leal represented the new WCLL board and reported that they had researched water issues and have made repairs. Biedenfeld commended their accountability. Communication and points of contact were discussed. Biedenfeld made motion to forgive 50% of balance currently due and allow eight months to pay the remaining \$1,660.34. Motion was seconded by Tindol. All voted Aye.
- D. CONSIDER DESIGN AND PERMIT VARIANCE REQUEST – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Agenda Item tabled for further information per Sutherland.
- E. CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA-BRAZORIA ISD: After discussion of juveniles being released to parents and the ages of those defendants being jailed, Walker voiced opposition to the practice of housing CBISD inmates, although the city has been providing this service free of charge for many years and will now charge a \$20 per day fee per inmate. Chief Odin stated that school officers have the same training as city officers. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to approve the agreement between CBISD and the city. Tindol, Maynor and Biedenfeld voted Aye, Walker voted Nay. Motion carried.
- F. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY TO CONDUCT CITY'S GENERAL ELECTION: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Maynor to approve the agreement with Brazoria County to conduct the city's general election. All voted Aye.
- G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION CALLING CITY ELECTION: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to adopt Resolution No. 441 calling the 2014 city general election. All voted Aye.
9. CLOSED MEETING: THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN A CLOSED SESSION OR A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551 ENTITLED "OPEN MEETINGS" OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO DELIBERATE PERSONNEL MATTERS – POLICE CHIEF RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL STRUCTURE: Kincannon closed the open meeting at 8:02 P.M. and reconvened at 8:11 P.M.
10. ACTION AS A RESULT OF A CLOSED MEETING: Motion was made by Tindol to approve the recommendation of an Assistant Police Chief position. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye.
11. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary