

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2014

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 11th day of August 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 Maynor.
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: None.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and there were no other presentations.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Lisa Woods, who resides on Meadow Lane, commented on golf carts and recommended that council make a compromise when regulating their usage on residential streets.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – City pool will be closing soon and then repairs will be scheduled; First Capitol Festival hosted by the Parks Board is coming up; Public works department has been working on water leaks and mowing; Layne TX is contracted to make repairs to Well #3; Waste Connections will be bringing a proposal by next month; City engineer sees no issues with the new construction at CBISD; and several young citizens recently received their eagle scout awards.
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 by Chief Odin along with the Police Department report 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.
 Motion was made by Biedenfeld to approve all consent agenda items including the approval of HOT funding for Chamber for \$848.28, Museum for \$1,262.25, Varner Hogg Volunteers for \$900.00 and City for \$2,005.91. Motion was seconded by Tindol and all voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER ORDINANCE ANNEXING A .50 ACRE TRACT, KNOWN AS LOT 1 OF M&S SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF 1.165 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE REMAINDER OF THE J.G. DANCE 457.5 ACRE TRACT IN THE J.H. BELL 1 ¼ LEAGUES GRANT, ABSTRACT NO. 40, WEST COLUMBIA, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to approve Ordinance No. 627 captioned as:
 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HERINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF

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SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID CITY; AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN.

All voted Aye.

- B. CONSIDER AWARDED BID FOR LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to award lift station improvement bid to Matula and Matula in the amount of \$145,985. Biedenfeld confirmed that the same specifications were received from all bidders. All voted Aye.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR UTILITY ADJUSTMENT – MASON L. WEEMS VI: Mr. Weems was present to answer council questions on the actions resulting in his excessive utility bill. He stated that the account had been inactive in the past at his parent's home and he had hired a contractor to burn brush. Council confirmed for him that it is illegal to burn inside the city limits. He continued by stating he had hooked up several hoses to have water available as a precaution. When he returned to the home after being out of town for a few days, he used the water to spray some still burning embers. The next time he checked on it, he discovered that the hose had burst, resulting in his high bill and was requesting an adjustment. After council discussion, Biedenfeld made motion to adjust the bill down to \$300, Maynor seconded the motion. Thomas, Maynor and Biedenfeld voted Aye and Tindol voted Nay. Motion carried.
- B. CONSIDER 2014 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to approve the 2014 Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County. It was discussed that the new county engineer may be open to new ideas. All voted Aye.
- C. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING BIDS FOR BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT: Sutherland reported that the city's bank depository contract with Prosperity Bank will expire on September 30th and the city must go out for bids for the new 5 year contract (two years with three optional one year extensions). Motion was made by Biedenfeld and seconded by Tindol to authorize the advertisement of bids for bank depository contract. All voted Aye.
- D. DISCUSS AND TAKE A RECORD VOTE TO PROPOSE A TAX RATE OF \$0.8319/\$100, A 2.34% TAX INCREASE ABOVE THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, AND SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE: After Sutherland reported on the effective tax rate and roll back tax rate, motion was made by Tindol to propose a tax rate of \$0.8319/\$100 and to schedule two public hearings for August 25th at 7pm and September 2nd at 7pm. Motion was seconded by Thomas and all voted Aye.
- E. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION FOR RESERVE POLICE OFFICER: This item was removed from agenda. No action taken.
- F. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF CITIES IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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- AND TEXAS LEGISLATURE RELATED TO THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO EFFECTIVELY REVIEW AND REGULATE UTILITY RATES: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to adopt Resolution No. 443. All voted Aye.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary