

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2015

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 9th day of February 2015, 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 Rhonda Groze.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Ms. Kay Jones of Meadow Lane commented that Loggins Drive was very dangerous for school children and requested a sidewalk be considered. Kincannon reported that a previous grant had been denied, but a future application could possibly be partnered with CBISD. Ms. Jones also commented on the same road's condition being dangerous where a line was dug for the new concession stand at the football field. She concluded with questioning CenturyLink's monopoly for telephone/internet service within the city and requested a more competitive field of options.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported that the CDBG design phase was underway; Police Department short staffed due to widespread illness; Park cleanup was cancelled by Phillips due to inclement weather; Kidfish is scheduled for March 28th; Asphalt list for interlocal road repairs would be in the area of \$90,000 for material; 5" of rain was recorded in a 4 hour period, TxDOT is to be installing more inlets, and Commissioner Linder agreed the county would split the cost to enlarge the culvert at end of Jefferson to increase drainage; A&M has chosen the city as their first transportation case study; and city offices will be closed for Presidents Day.
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 and included the Annual Racial Profiling Report.
 - 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.

Biedenfeld requested the Police Department Report be removed for discussion and then made motion to approve all others. Motion was seconded by Tindol. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: Biedenfeld inquired about the annual Racial Profiling Report. Chief Odin stated that the report is required by the State regarding race, gender, searches, etc. Biedenfeld made motion to approve the Police Dept. report. Motion was seconded by Tindol and all voted Aye.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER SOFTBALL FIELD LEASE AGREEMENT: No update was reported other than Griggs is to meet with Sutherland to conclude prior to the February 23rd special meeting.

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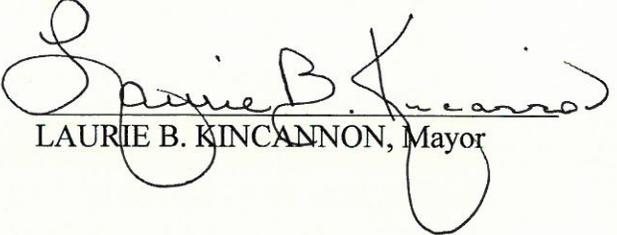
9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CONSIDER 2013/14 ANNUAL AUDIT – KENNEMER, MASTERS & LUNSFORD, LLC: Wade Whitlow of KM&L was present and reported a successful audit, thanked staff for their helpful participation. The overall fund balance had increased to \$400,000 which is approximately 4 months of a recommended 6 month reserve. City manager and department heads were commended by Kincannon for their tough decisions made that have resulted in the reserve status. Biedenfeld made motion to approve the 2013/14 Annual Audit and Tindol seconded motion. All voted Aye.
- B. CONSIDER REQUEST TO ABANDON CITY EASEMENT – MR. JOAO GODINHO: Mr. Godinho purchased property to enlarge his backyard and is requesting the city to abandon the street easement that runs through it as the end of Jackson St. Utilities will need to be located and a metes and bounds description will be necessary. Property owner is to bear any costs incurred by the city to abandon the easement. Biedenfeld made motion to move forward with locating the utilities, Tindol seconded motion. Walker commented that the city street would be city property gifted to the property owner and he should be responsible for submitting a clear title search and a letter stating that he will bear all expenses required to acquire the street/easement. Biedenfeld amended his motion to include requesting a letter be on file stating this prior to the city manager ordering location of lines. Tindol seconded the amended motion and all voted Aye.
- C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FUNDING FOR LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAMS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Maynor to adopt Resolution No. 446 supporting increased Texas Parks and Wildlife Department funding for local park grant programs. All voted Aye.
- D. CONSIDER RESOLUTUION APPROVING CONCEPT OF VOTE CENTERS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to adopt Resolution No. 447 approving the concept of vote centers being open to all voters on Election day, the same as during early voting. All voted Aye.
- E. CONSIDER BID FOR TAX RESALE PROPERTY KNOWN AS WEST COLUMBIA, BLOCK 11A, LOT 5, ACRES .1383 BY SANDS WEEMS III: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to approve the offer made by Sandy Weems for tax resale property. All voted Aye.
- F. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE OFFICERS: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to approve the appointment of Joey Earl and Sabrina Vandergriff to the reserve force. All voted Aye.
- G. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: Motion was made by Tindol to re-appoint Sharon Williams, Joshua Edwards, Deena Green-Patrick and Tiffanie Gupton to the Parks and Recreation board and newly appoint Wendy Thoe, Donnie Congdon and Marci Shelby. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld and all voted Aye.
- H. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY TO CONDUCT CITY'S GENERAL ELECTION: Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Biedenfeld to approve the agreement with Brazoria County to conduct the city's 2015 general election. All voted Aye.

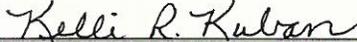
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- I. CONSIDER RESOLUTION CALLING CITY ELECTION: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to adopt Resolution No. 448 calling the city's 2015 general election. All voted Aye.
- J. CONSIDER SWEENEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PROPOSAL: Sweeny Community Hospital CEO, Mr. Bill Barnes, was present and reported that they are proposing to open a family clinic in the West Columbia Shopping Center that would service patients of all ages. He reported that they petitioned the state to designate the hospital district as a healthcare professional shortage area. The EDC is considering entering into a 380 Agreement granting start-up funding with council's approval. Motion was made by Biedenfeld to approve the EDC recommendation and send a formal thank you to them. Motion was seconded by Walker and all voted Aye. Two public readings of resolution will be scheduled.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary