

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

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

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 9th day of March 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 Biedenfeld.
2. ROLL CALL. City Secretary Kuban called the roll of the Council.
 - Present: Mayor Kincannon, Aldermen Thomas, Tindol, and Biedenfeld.
 City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and City Attorney Griggs.
 - Absent: Aldermen Maynor and Walker.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and read the Fair Housing Proclamation before presenting Employee of the Month award to Manuel Espinosa. Tindol invited the public to attend the upcoming San Jacinto Festival.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were none.
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.
 - 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.

Motion was made by Tindol to approve all consent agenda items. Motion was seconded by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye.
7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE POLICE OFFICER: Motion was made by Biedenfeld, seconded by Tindol to approve the appointment of Nicole Chambers to the Reserve Police Force. All voted Aye.
 - B. CONSIDER CERTIFICATION AND ORDINANCE CANCELING 2015 GENERAL ELECTION AND DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES ELECTED: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to approve the certification and adoption of Ordinance No. 634 captioned as
 - AN ORDINANCE CANCELING THE MAY 9, 2015 REGULAR ELECTION AND DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING

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A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.

All voted Aye.

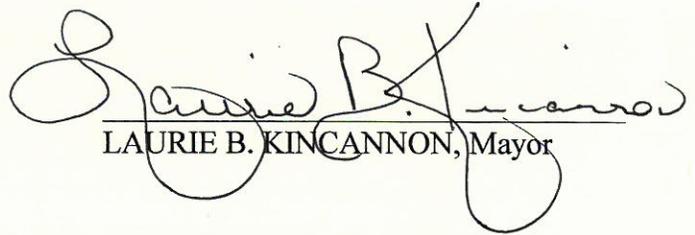
- C. CONSIDER BRAZORIA COUNTY MOSQUITO DISTRICT REQUEST FOR AERIAL SPRAYING: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to authorize the City Manager to send letter to Brazoria County Mosquito Control authorizing aerial spraying. All voted Aye.
- D. CONSIDER DISMISSAL OF UNCOLLECTABLE MUNICIPAL COURT FINES: Municipal court fines over 10 years old are considered uncollectable and total approximately \$12,000. Motion was made by Biedenfeld, seconded by Tindol to recommend the dismissal of uncollected fines prior to January 1, 2005. All voted Aye.
- E. CONSIDER SETTING 2015/16 BUDGET CALENDAR: Kincannon recommended that the goal setting workshop be separate from other agenda items and be taken seriously. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to adopt the 2015/16 Budget Calendar. All voted Aye.
- F. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR THE PRIOR LAWFUL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RELATING TO CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS CITY IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY FOR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE: Sutherland reported that prior expenditures may be added to financed amount with adoption of a reimbursement resolution. Kincannon updated the public on the situation of Well No. 3 being down and the need to drill a new one. She explained that by deeming it an emergency, the permitting period may be expedited. It was reported that the two operating wells are currently meeting the required pumping capacity, but that would not be the case if either of them were to also go down. A goal of 1.2 million could include additional upgrades, but may be decreased if not needed. Griggs clarified the situation was not an emergency in the sense of water quantity. Motion was made by Biedenfeld, seconded by Thomas to adopt Reimbursement Resolution No. 452. Thomas, Tindol and Biedenfeld voted Aye, there were no Nays, nor did anyone abstain. Motion carried.
- G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR GRANT AND PREFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEST COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND SWEENY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL: Kincannon gave an update of the proposal by Sweeny Community Hospital to open a family clinic that would service patients of all ages. Griggs commented that an open for business date was not stated in the agreement and suggested its inclusion. Kincannon completed the first of two required readings of proposed resolution. The second reading is scheduled for April 13th and adoption of the agreement may be any time after April 24th. Biedenfeld made motion to adopt Resolution No. 453. Motion was seconded by Thomas and all voted Aye.
- H. CONSIDER BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER BY BRAZORIA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR 106 CARVER ST: Sutherland reported that the request by the County complies with all statutes for a city to waive fees and that the proposed value of the new construction at 106 Carver St. is roughly \$100,000.

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Kincannon stated that Mr. Webb Jones is the only surviving member of the Negro Baseball League. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to approve the waiving of building permit fees for Brazoria County Community Development Department for construction at 106 Carver St. for Mr. Jones. All voted Aye.

- I. APPROVE LICENSE TO DISCHARGE INTO CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: City attorney addressed some concerns and suggested that either a revision be made to the agreement or that a code provision be created to cover all the variables so that only acquiring a license would become necessary to discharge into the city's WWTP. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to table for further research. All voted Aye.
 - J. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT: It was explained that the CDBG grant is awarded every 3 years in this year's funding is \$190,000 for the Hamilton Street water line replacement project, including engineering. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to authorize the advertising of bids for the CDBG project. All voted Aye.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:46 P.M.


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary