

STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
 OF A REGULAR MEETING  
 MONDAY, JULY 13TH, 2015

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The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 reported on the backyard fireworks at First Capitol Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> and thanked HEB and the Parks Board for sponsoring the event. Biedenfeld commented that the Marriott chain may be considering our community.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Keith Stephens of 1061 S. Columbia Dr. voiced a complaint regarding the heavy trash pickup service. Kincannon had surveyed that issue throughout the city and Sutherland gave a report of her observations stating the problem seems to be mainly along Highway 36. She stated that she would discuss his concerns with Waste Connections.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – Backyard fireworks was a success and the PD sold hotdogs to fund Blue Santa. Basketball tournament is being planned to benefit Dixon Park. Well No 4 test wells have been dug and results are pending. A preliminary engineering design and environmental impact statement are being prepared for submission to US Rural Development. Original location has changed slightly due to existing sewer lines. Matula and Matula have completed the CDBG water line project along Hamilton and ditch work is the next phase of improvements before requesting street resurfacing. They have also completed the Dance and Bacicia lift station projects. Paperwork has been submitted to county engineer authorizing the resurfacing of Dance Dr. and is scheduled prior to school starting. H-GAC recommended the city for a bicycle-pedestrian planning grant at no charge to the city based on the mayor and city manager's participation in the Bringing Back Main Street workshops. Waste Connections recently removed over 34 tons of brush and it soon was an issue again so brush piles are being monitored.
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 AND ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT. Reports 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. CODE ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. Reports were submitted in Council's packet.
  - G. CEMS. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
  - H. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council's packet.
  - I. CONSIDER FUNDING OF ADVERTISEMENT IN THE WEST OF THE BRAZOS SPECIAL EDITION OF THE BRAZORIA COUNTY NEWS.

Motion was made by Thomas to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Tindol and all voted Aye.

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7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: There were none.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR MOBILE HOME VARIANCE AT 128 W. JACKSON BY MS. BETTY HARRIS: Ms. Harris was present to discuss her options for replacing her mobile home that was recently lost to fire. Although she has pursued finding a frame home to move onto her lot, she feels a mobile home is what she can afford. It was discussed that a previous request had been denied. Biedenfeld requested to table the item in order to familiarize himself with the location and revisit it at the next week's meeting. No action taken.
  - B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR CENTERPOINT GAS RATE SETTLEMENT: Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Biedenfeld to adopt Resolution No. 455 denying CenterPoint's proposed increase and approving the gas rate settlement. All voted Aye.
  - C. CONSIDER ENGAGEMENT OF KENNEMER, MASTERS & LUNSFORD, LLC FOR 2014/15 ANNUAL AUDIT: Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Thomas to approve the engagement of Kennemer, Masters & Lunsford to conduct the 2014/15 annual audit. All voted Aye.
  - D. AUTHORIZE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO CALCULATE AND PUBLISH EFFECTIVE TAX RATE: Motion was made by Tindol and seconded by Thomas to authorize the county tax assessor-collector to calculate and publish the effective tax rate. All voted Aye.
  - E. CONSIDER HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Motion was made by Biedenfeld to appoint Judy Kay Tomlin to the HOT Advisory Board and Tindol seconded the motion. All voted Aye.
  - F. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL: Contracting for storm debris removal prior to an emergency event is a proactive action necessary to prevent inflated contractor pricing. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to authorize the advertising of bids for storm debris removal. All voted Aye.
  - G. SUBMISSION OF 2015/16 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR REVIEW: Sutherland reported that the General Fund was not yet balanced, but the Utility Fund was. Department heads will continue to work on it for next budget workshop. No action necessary.
10. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

  
LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary