

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 20th, 2015

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 20th day of July, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in a special meeting in the Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Kincannon. Present were Kincannon, Thomas, Maynor, Walker and Biedenfeld, City Manager Sutherland and City Secretary Kuban. Absent was Tindol.
2. CONSIDER DISPOSITION OF THREE (3) INDIVIDUAL 2006 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLES: Chief Odin reported that all four of the Crown Victoria vehicles were down and three had been advertised for bids without any submitted. Other disposal options, such as scrap metal, were discussed. Walker made motion to allow Chief Odin to dispose of three vehicles the way he sees fit, which was seconded by Biedenfeld. After further discussion that all four were done, Walker amended his motion to include disposal of four vehicles and the second was made again by Biedenfeld. All voted Aye.
3. CONSIDER MOBILE HOME VARIANCE FOR 128 W. JACKSON BY MS. BETTY HARRIS: This item was tabled at regular meeting for Biedenfeld to view the location of the area. Walker reported that Columbia United had offered to paint a house that Ms. Harris was thinking of moving onto the property. He stated that allowing variances opens many more years of allowing mobile homes in areas that are not designated for them. Walker then made a motion to deny the mobile home variance request of Ms. Harris. Biedenfeld seconded the motion and all voted Aye. Walker then recommended removing the variance procedure all together and add verbage allowing citizens to petition for an area to be "designated" as one allowing mobile homes and not on an individual basis. It was further discussed that outreach efforts were underway to assist Ms. Harris.
4. CONSIDER REQUEST TO TIE INTO WATER MAIN – TREY WENZEL, 1905 S. COLUMBIA DR.: Walker made motion to deny the request by Mr. Wenzel and Biedenfeld seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Walker requested that city manager revisit the previous documents regarding Mr. Wenzel and Action Assets and give him a specific number of days to uphold his end of the agreement or disconnect all services.
5. CONSIDER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 1: Sutherland stated the item was not necessarily a budget adjustment and reported that the Utility Fund will have additional funds at fiscal year end that could help fund some items being considered for next fiscal year. New utility department vehicles are needed as well as more electronic meters. Vehicles were priced around \$22,000 and the number of meters were estimated at 100. Also discussed were street conditions and Sutherland requested council's advice. Walker suggested the economy sized vehicles may allow purchase of two. It was discussed that purchasing the meters was the best option, but smaller trucks were also needed. No action necessary.
6. PUBLIC HEARING – 2015/16 PROPOSED BUDGET: Kincannon entered into the public hearing at 7:42 P.M. With no public comments made, Kincannon closed the public hearing and reconvened in an open meeting at 7:43 P.M.
7. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Sutherland reported that the proposed budget was balanced and gave a recap of each department's budget. She reported that \$120,000 for sidewalk project funds would be divided between Streets and EDC. Attorney service and prosecutor options were discussed with Sutherland and Biedenfeld assigned to research fees of the firm of Olson & Olson. There were no funds budgeted for the water well project as other funding options were being pursued. A bond issue or rural development grant would be necessary as the cost

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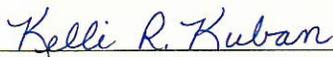
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would be in access of \$1,000,000. Street repairs were discussed as were various options for funding including partnering with other cities to form labor crews. Budget is based on current tax rate but the ad valorem revenues will depend on the valuations. No action necessary.

8. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

  
LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary