

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2016

The City Council of the City of West Columbia, Texas, convenes this the 8th day of February 2016, 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 Thomas, Tindol, Walker and Biedenfeld.
 - Also present were City Manager Sutherland, City Secretary Kuban and Interim City Attorney David Olson.
 - Absent: Alderman Maynor.
3. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS: Kincannon greeted everyone and thanked past city attorney Wes Griggs for his many years of service by him and his father before him. She introduced David Olson as one of the interim city attorneys associated with Olson & Olson law firm that the city has used for various legal assignments in the past.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: James Brawner introduced himself as a candidate running for Precinct 4 Constable and gave a history of his service and experience and encouraged everyone to vote.
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Sutherland reported on the following – * Weisinger Well Drilling had completed the Well No. 4 project at 600 ft. New equipment is being moved in for next phase of project. Sheblak reported that the USRDA application has been reviewed and is back in their hands. * The TxDOT sidewalk project has been awarded to Fuqua Construction Co., Inc. for \$741,699.95. The city is participating in an 80/20 grant and the pre-construction meeting is pending. * Auditors have completed their fieldwork and exit meeting is rescheduled for February 19th. * Public Works Supervisor Joe Ramirez is back at work after a workers comp absence. His department has been busy with several projects including installation of more automated meters and street sign replacement. * Chief Odin has been working on grants from JAG for body armor and NRA for training and ammunition. * The Insurance Services Office completed the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Survey with city staff and the results will be shared once received. Rating is anticipated to fall as city has not updated its building codes to the latest version. * City offices will be closed February 15th in honor of Presidents Day.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S). The minutes of the January meeting were included in Council packet.
 - B. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - C. POLICE DEPARTMENT, ANIMAL CONTROL, AND ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORTS. Reports were submitted in Council packet.
 - D. MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - E. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT. Report has not been submitted to date.
 - F. CODE ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. Reports were submitted in Council packet.
 - G. CEMS. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - H. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT. Report was submitted in Council packet.
 - I. CONSIDER HOT ADVISORY BOARD FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS.

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2016

Motion was made by Walker to approve all consent agenda reports with the exception of the removal of the Annual Racial Profiling Report for discussion. The motion included the approval of HOT funding for the Chamber for \$3640.73, the Columbia Historical Museum for \$1,355.00 and the Columbia Heritage Foundation for \$1,434.75. Motion was seconded by Tindol. All voted Aye.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: Chief Odin reported on the Annual Racial Profiling results. Thomas made motion to approve the report with Tindol seconding the motion and all voting Aye.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ANIMAL ORDINANCE: Walker stated that the animal ordinance had been modified to include no tethering restrictions. Chief Odin reported that of the approximate 55 licensed dogs, about one-half of those were currently tethered. Walker made motion, seconded by Thomas to adopt Ordinance No. 641 captioned as

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 3-56 OF CHAPTER 3 – ANIMALS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,000 A DAY AND CIVIL PENALTIES UP TO \$1,000 A DAY FOR A VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Discussion included Interim City Attorney Olson recommending a 60 – 90 day education/grace period to include newspaper articles and not issuing citations for violations. All voted Aye.

9. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING INTERIM FINANCING OF WELL NO. 4 PROJECT: City Engineer David Sheblak reported that the city should qualify for grant funding, however Sutherland reported on interim financing options that may be necessary until grant process has been completed. Options discussed included, but were not limited to, using fund balance until grant is awarded or a bank loan is secured. Questions addressed were whether early payoff would carry penalties; if any portion of loan would be forgivable if additional funding became available; could fund balance cover until financing was determined. Motion was made by Walker to authorize city manager to secure financing up to \$600,000. Motion was seconded by Tindol. All voted Aye.
 - B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING WELL NO. 4 DRILLING PAYMENT ESTIMATE NO. 1: It was discussed that while Weisinger drilling project costs came in \$150,000 less than estimated, the engineering fees seemed to have increased from 11% to 16%. Sheblak stated that the higher the cost of the project, the lower the engineering fee percentage is. It was further discussed that the engineering costs should be addressed with the city manager and not during this action item. That being stated, motion was made by Walker to pay the Weisinger, Inc. drilling bill of \$260,923.50. Tindol seconded motion and all voted Aye.
 - C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF NO OBJECTION FOR TAX EXEMPT BOND DEVELOPMENTS FOR BROOKS MANOR APARTMENT, 444 JEFFERSON STREET, WEST COLUMBIA TX: It was discussed that Steele Texas had received a

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
 CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 OF A REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2016

better tax exemption from 4% to 9% for the Brooks Manor development project. A new resolution is necessary for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs application process. Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol to adopt Resolution No. 643 in support of this tax exempt bond development. All voted Aye.

- D. CONSIDER SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY ON BROAD STREET BY COLUMBIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OWNER: It was discussed that CUMC was requesting to amend lot lines within their property in order to sell two sections to Darrell and Donna Schwebel. The subdivided Lots 6B and 7 would increase the property they had previously purchased from the church. The Schwebel's will combine these newly purchased lots into one single lot, Lot 6B. Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Tindol. All voted Aye except Biedenfeld, who abstained. Motion carried.
- E. CONSIDER SUBMISSION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT APPLICATION: Chief Odin is requesting to submit a Criminal Justice Division grant application for body worn cameras and a resolution is required. Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Biedenfeld to adopt Resolution No. 465 authorizing the submittal of JAG grant for body worn cameras. All voted Aye.
- F. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY TO CONDUCT CITY'S GENERAL ELECTION: Motion was made by Tindol, seconded by Thomas to approve the agreement with Brazoria County to conduct the city's general election. All voted Aye.
- G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION CALLING CITY ELECTION: Motion was made by Walker, seconded by Biedenfeld to adopt Resolution No. 464 calling the city's general election. All voted Aye.
11. ADJOURN: Mayor Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.


 LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:



 KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary