



## WEST COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND SUPPLEMENTAL TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Council Chambers, 512 E. Brazos  
Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM

### MINUTES

#### INVOCATION & PLEDGES:

1. Pastor Colby Wallace, West Oaks Church led the invocation.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:** Present were Mayor Kincannon, Council Members Thomas, Tindol, Maynor, Burke and Raynes, City Attorney Powell, City Manager Sutherland, and City Secretary Avirett.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GREETINGS:** Mayor Kincannon greeted and welcomed everyone.

#### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

*Members of the public wishing to address Council should seek recognition by raising their hand, and when acknowledged, move to the podium, and state their name and address. Specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to an inquiry made by a member of the general public but any deliberation, discussion, or decision with respect to any subject about which the inquiry was made that is not on the agenda shall be limited to a proposal to place such subject on the agenda of a future meeting for which notice is provided in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The public is requested to limit presentation of comments regarding agenda and non-agenda items to five (5) minutes.*

Nate Foster - 1025 Oak St. - Regarding the subdivision of property on Oak St. Foster expressed concerns about the existing drainage problem, over crowding of the streets and issues with ambulance and garbage truck clearance. Foster presented photos of flooding to council.

Judy Tomlin - West Texaco St. - Ms. Tomlin wanted to protest the variance that is being requested for the subdivision of the lot on Oak St. She reported flooding in her yard and garage every time it rains.

Alma Spears - 338 Bennett Dr. - Announced that Paradise Cemetery Committee will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday July 16 from 11-3.

Sheryl Davis - 321 E. Jefferson St. - wanted to let council know the fire hydrant at 605 Austin St. and the hydrant at 15th and Hamilton are both covered by ant beds. She also reported tall grass at 305 N. 15th St and a tree down from the storm.

Cynthia Baldrige - 135 Fisher St. - Ms. Baldrige asked who is in charge of beautifying the city. She asked for some flags, Christmas decorations and another grocery store. Kincannon addressed the Christmas decorations issue and explained that some of the AARPA funds have been set aside to purchase Christmas decorations.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

2. Public Works \* Grants \* Parks \* Housing \* Audit

City Manager Sutherland reported and gave updates on Public Works sewer line projects, drought contingency plan, and the maintenance worker position that is open. Grant and Parks updates included the Pocket Park update. Sutherland gave an update on housing that included new construction projects and the audit update included interim audit dates of August 17-19.

#### CONSENT AGENDA.

All items in the consent agenda were submitted in the council packet. Burke motioned to approve the consent agenda and Tindol seconded the motion.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
4. City Treasurer Report
5. Police Department Report
6. Municipal Court Report
7. Fire Marshal Report
8. Code Enforcement Report
9. Public Works Report

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

10. Consider Request Regarding Stark BLK I LOT I1-LOT I1A (PT W I AC) ACRES .88 - AUSTIN ST.  
Avirett reported that Mr. Thompson notified her that afternoon that he would not be available for the meeting. Council agreed to try to work something out with Mr. Thompson at a later date. No action was taken.
11. Consider Subdivision Plat Variance for Development of an .221 Acre Tract - Oak St.  
Maynor said that no matter what the flooding issue needs to be addressed in this area. Citizens from Oak Street expressed their concerns. Matthew Fisher let the council know that there is a two inch water line. Tindol made a motion to deny the variance. Raynes asked if council could discuss. Further discussion was had by council regarding the options of the property owner. Raynes seconded the motion and all voted aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

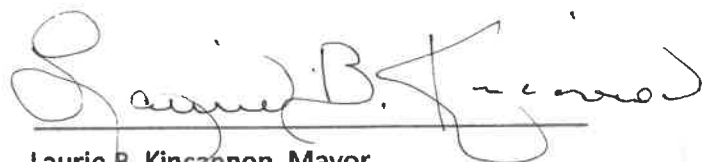
12. Consider Declaring Police Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing Disposal - Burke made a motion to consider declaring police equipment as surplus and authorize disposal. Tindol seconded the motion and all voted aye.
13. Consider Audit Engagement Letter for 2022/23 Annual Audit by KM&L - Motion was made by Burke to approve the audit engagement letter for the 2021/22 Annual Audit by KM&L. Motion was seconded by Tindol and all voted aye.
14. Consider Submission of 2022/23 Proposed Budget for review - Sutherland reported that we need more time to massage the numbers. She asked council if a workshop could be scheduled. Burke suggested scheduling a Budget Workshop for July 25th at 6:00 pm.
15. Consider Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Nominations  
No action was taken.
16. Discuss and Consider Proposal to Perform a Facility Condition Assessment of Certain City Buildings - Burke confirmed that the ARPA funds would fund this assessment and Tindol made a motion to approve the proposal to perform a facility condition assessment. Burke seconded the motion and all voted aye.

**ADJOURN:** Kincannon adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Kaili M Avirett*

Kaili Avirett, City Secretary

  
Laurie B. Kincannon, Mayor