

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS WASHINGTON, KANSAS DECEMBER 3, 2001

The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Kansas met in Regular Session in the usual meeting place in said City on Monday the 3rd day of December at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present; Mayor Herbert C. Dyck. Council members; Greg Wilson, Jon Snapp, Kevin Williams, Meyler Gibbs. ABSENT: Dawn Kramer

Also present were; Paul L. Monty, City Attorney, Tim Schook, City Adm., Betty Nabors, Jason Brinegar, Attorney, Kelly Foltz, with Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Xerox copies of the minutes of the previous regular council meeting of November 5, 2001 were given to the Mayor and each Council member and they were reviewed with one correction. Meyler Gibbs moved to approve the minutes and Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the personnel policy in regard to paying double time on holidays for the power plant. They approved a change in section E-3 (b) (1) Exception: Power plant shift employees shall observe the set holidays on the actual holiday regardless of whether or not it falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Thereupon Meyler Gibbs moved to approve the change to E-3 (b) (1) in the Personnel Policy. Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

Hearing on property at 110 East 1st Street. Jason Brinegar represented Betty Nabors at the hearing. City administrator passed around pictures and described the unsafe conditions at this address. Mrs. Nabors has contacted John Wieland to do repairs to the roof and porch. After a lengthy discussion Council member Greg Wilson moved to find the property an unsafe structure and will give Mrs. Nabors 90 days to correct the list of problems, allowing for weather. Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield: Kelly Foltz from Blue Cross and Blue Shield reviewed the health coverage for City employees for 2002. Staying with the present plan the premiums will increase by 34.5%. Other options were reviewed. Ms. Foltz is to fax other options with a higher deductible and a \$20.00 out of pocket Doctor visit. The council will meet at a later date to make a decision on the health policy.

The names of Steve Howe as ambulance director and Leland Cook as assistant director were given to the council for approval. Thereupon Meyler Gibbs moved to appoint Steve Howe as director and Leland Cook as assistant director. Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

North Central Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Project: Tim Schook attended a meeting on Enterprise Facilitation. This is a free service to help businesses and to encourage local enterprise. One on one help in getting clients to resources. Tim will visit with all City Councils in the County and encourage them to participate and hope they will support and contribute city funds toward the total cost of approximately \$4,000.00. Tim asked for support from the Council and to make a financial contribution. Thereupon Jon Snapp moved to encourage Tim to continue with Enterprise Facilitation group and at a later time discuss finances. Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chamber asked if the City would like to purchase a TV for their auction. Tim asked if they would like to do that or have the Christmas lighting contest. Jon Snapp moved to sponsor the Christmas lighting contest and prizes the same as last year, 1st prize free electricity for the month, 2nd prize \$50.00

off the month electricity and 3rd prize is \$25.00 off electricity for the month. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried. Janet is to get the judges.

The council agreed to the rate increase in mileage to \$4.50 to cover up and coming allowances from Medicare. We now charge \$4.25 and Medicare will pay \$4.27 this amount is expected to increase after the first of the year.

Need to advertise for bids for the hay land at the cemetery.

Tim advised the council that the rate study from several years ago indicated an increase of 4% for electric rates. He also advised the council on the estimated cost for repair on #1 engine, as the insurance will not cover this. Estimated cost for repair is \$13,047.00 and an estimated cost for additional cleaning while the generator is taken apart is \$6,216.00. Thereupon Jon Sanpp moved to pay the cost of repair and cleaning on engine #1. Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kenneth Stephens called about missing one payment on his utility bill and increase his payment over several months. Thereupon Greg Wilson moved to allow Kenneth Stephens to miss the December payment and adjust his level pay over the next months. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Kern and Smith house improvements is coming along but may need more time due to the weather. Greg Wilson moved to review the property at 122 East 4th in 90 days. Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Smith property at 202 East 4th has complied with the Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2001-12

There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2001-12
“AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR PAYMENT OF THE
CITY’S BILLS AND DEBITS.”

Thereupon on motion made by council Kevin Williams moved for its adoption, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue payroll check _____ through _____ and warrant check _____ through _____ in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon council member Greg Wilson seconded the motion. Thereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Greg Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday December 11, 2001 at 12:00 noon. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.