

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS WASHINGTON, KANSAS SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Kansas met in Regular Session in the usual meeting place in said City on Tuesday the 4th day of September at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present; Mayor Herbert C. Dyck, council members Dawn Kramer, Greg Wilson, Meyler Gibbs, Kevin Williams. Jon Snapp arrived at 8:00 P.M.

Absent: none

Also present were; Paul L. Monty, City Attorney, Tim Schook, City Administrator, Charles Gullion, Bill Hays Washington County News, Reporter.

Xerox copies of the minutes of the previous regular council meeting of August 6, 2001 and adjourned meeting August 13, 2001 were given to the Mayor and each Council Member and they were reviewed. Kevin Williams moved to adopt the minutes and Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charles Gullion appeared before the council to discuss his past due utility account payment in the amount of \$482.71 plus the current bill. He is expecting a settlement from work related injuries the end of September or first of October. Mayor Dyck recommended hold off any action as turning off electricity until the October meeting. Thereupon Greg Wilson agreed with the Mayor if Mr. Gullion comes back again the City will not be as tolerant. Thereupon Greg Wilson moved to delay action until the next regular meeting and Gullion will come before the council again. Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Williams, Herb Dyck and Tim Schook plan to attend the 93rd League Conference October 6-9 in Wichita. Thereupon Greg Wilson moved to have Kevin Williams as voting delegate and Herb Dyck as alternate voting delegate to the conference. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The trash pump will cost \$1,610.00 delivered from USA Blue Book. Herb wanted to know about safety equipment such as shoring.

Contract with Carl Wineinger: Council member Greg Wilson moved to enter into a contract with Carl Wineinger for the purchase of the Major Theater building and the adjacent building for \$6,000.00 for Economic Development and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried. He will have ample time to remove furnace and AC, if it isn't removed the city will remove furnace and AC then demolish the building.

Three Resolutions were presented to the council and Mayor for the purpose of a hearing to determine if certain buildings are dangerous and in unsafe condition. The hearing date will be set at least two weeks from last publication in the Official City News Paper.

Jon Snapp arrived at the Council meeting at 8:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4
DEEMING AND DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO HOLD A HEARING
TO DETERMINE IF A CERTAIN BUILDING HEREIN DESCRIBED IS IN A
DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE CONDITION.

Greg Wilson moved to adopt Resolution 2001-4. Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-5

DEEMING AND DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO HOLD A HEARING
TO DETERMINE IF A CERTAIN BUILDING HEREIN DESCRIBED IS IN A
DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE CONDITION.

Jon Snapp moved to adopt Resolution 2001-5, Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-6
DEEMING AND DECLAIRING IT NECESSARY TO HOLD A HEARING
TO DETERMINE IF A CERTAIN BUILDING HEREIN DESCRIBED IS IN A
DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE CONDITION.

Meyler Gibbs moved to adopt Resolution No. 2001-6. Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed Lilly Mathis utilities she will be in by September 16th and pay or will be considered delinquent.

Discussed refuse service with Durflinger. Tim Schook has had city employees approach him stating that they could handle local service if necessary.

Long term goals for personnel was delayed until next meeting.

Tim informed the council the health insurance will have a 20 to 30 percent increase and was out for bids. He was asked to check with the league about pooling with other cities for health insurance.

The Mayor asked about activating the Planning Commission for zoning, how to proceed and what needs to be done. The council agreed to have Mayor Dyck proceed to activate the planning commission and relate to them to proceed with the possibility of going ahead with the Zoning Ordinance

The core committee met and chose the name Washington People for Progress Committee. They plan a major kickoff of the program in February. The committee will discuss plans for the 15/36 corridors.

Have a lease agreement for use of the City water tower by NCRPC and their internet service, they will pay for electricity. The contract needs to be amended to state they will repair or replace any City equipment if needed.

Waiting for KDOT to send a permission letter to place vehicle noise signs at the entrances to town.

The City received a 50% grant from The Department of Wildlife and Parks for ground cover at the South part of the City Park. The plan is to move a merry-go-round from between shelter houses and include with other playground equipment.

Delinquent properties: Three properties 300 West 4th, 310 West 2nd, 329 West 3rd all are delinquent in taxes. The City can take action for nonpayment of taxes for the last three years. Thereupon Dawn Kramer moved to add the three properties with the McAtee, property foreclosure. Greg Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on the fire/ambulance building took place with John Cyr , Delwin Wimers and Tim Schook, about grant possibilities. A CDBG grant with 25 to 30 percent match or KanStep, program which would pay for all materials with the City furnishing all labor. The council agreed to support the KanStep program with the condition that if grant funding is received the community and fire and ambulance personnel play a major role in achieving this goal.

Ambulance equipment: Mary Leck ambulance director gave the following list of equipment they would like to purchase with the Max Hubbard Memorial money given to the City ambulance service. Greg Wilson moved to purchase the four items specified with Memorial money from Max Hubbard. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Friendly corners: Tim gave an update on the fire at Friendly Corners.

County Commission: All City Mayors, Council Members and Clerks received a letter from the County Commissioners stating due to recent budget constraints the County will be unable to provide the extra financial support that was given in 2001. The contractual support payments of runs and mileage will continue. They would like to set up taxing districts for ambulance services. After lengthy discussion the Washington City Council agreed all City councils who have ambulance services should get together to discuss this proposal, then go to the County Commission as a united front.

Mayor Dyck read a prepared statement to the council. See attached copy. After a lengthy and heated discussion council member Dawn Kramer moved that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes for the purpose to discuss non elected personnel. From 9:25 P.M. to 9:35 P.M. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. On motion by council member Kevin Williams that the council reconvene to the regular session at 9:35 P.M. Thereupon council member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2001-9
“AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR PAYMENT OF THE
CITY’S BILLS AND DEBITS.”

Thereupon on motion made by council member Dawn Kramer 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 Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Thereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Thereupon Greg Wilson moved to adjourn and Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janet Jones City Clerk