

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS WASHINGTON, KANSAS JANUARY 7, 2002

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

ABSENT: none

Also present were Paul L. Monty, City Attorney, Tim Schook, City Administrator, Terry Bailey, Earthmovers, Jim McBeath and Clifford Stewart, Library Board, Marcia Funke, County Commission, Jim and Jolene Parrack. Xerox copies of the minutes of the previous regular council meeting of December 3, and adjourned meetings of December 11th and 28th were given to the Mayor and each Council member and the were reviewed. A correction was made on the paragraph about rate increases for mileage to indicate this is for the ambulance utility. Thereupon Kevin Williams moved to approve the minutes as corrected and seconded by Meyler Gibbs. Carried.

Terry Bailey: Terry Bailey from Earthmovers was in to inform the council about his business and he hopes to put in another building East of the present second building which has five bays he would like to construct 250' x 150' building with eight bays. This would require a dirt fill south and east of the present buildings. He has purchased a lot in town and would like to know what the City can do to help with moving the dirt. He needs more dirt if the City knows of any. This new building will allow him to increase his employment by 30, he now employees 6 part time and 18 full time employees. He thanked the council for all they have done and the help they have given him.

Parrack: Jim and Jolene Parrack were in questioning the cost of sewer and street openings wanting to know if everyone gets charged for opening and a permit. The council informed them yes they did.

Library: Jim McBeath and Clifford Stewart from the library board were in to visit with the council about finances. They had unusually high expenses last year due to the librarian having hip surgery and the cost Sick leave and overtime for extra help. They asked about the \$15,000.00 the city gives them and would need it before the end of the month to pay salaries. The City has yet to receive the County distribution but should have it by the middle of January. Council member Greg Wilson moved to write a check from the Library Fund to the Library in the amount of \$10,000.00 and pay \$5,000.00 after County Treasurers allocation. Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Commission: Marcia Funke was in to visit with the council about the electrical upgrading work being done at the County Courthouse. The cost to the City for a 500 KVA is \$17,426.83, 300 KVA \$15,576.83 and 225 KVA \$14,436.83. The County will need a backup transformer. No action taken.

Electric Rate increase: Council member Greg Wilson authorized an ordinance to be written to increase electric rates by 4%. Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried by all present.

On motion by council member Kevin Williams that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes for the purpose to discuss contract negotiations with Bradford Built. From 9:05 P.M. to 9:20 P.M. Thereupon council member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On motion by council member Meyler Gibbs that the council reconvene to the regular session at 9:20 P.M. Thereupon council member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion was declared carried.

Exterminator: Darwin Mall left a bid with the City about spraying the City Hall. No action taken.

An ethanol plant tour has been scheduled for January 19th at Russell.

Discussed shoring for excavating in ditches.

Westinghouse is in for testing engine #1.

Tim has set up a meeting with City Councils that own ambulance services, to discuss the commissioners wanting to create taxing districts.

Tim asked about a jack hammer attachment for the skid loader.

He will be sending bid requests for painting the water tower and expect to open them at the next meeting.

Greg Wilson asked about an update on the zoning ordinance and any news about the IRS and Westside.

Discussed the contract with the County Sheriff such as door check at night within the City, after school patrolling and charges to the City.

Council member Dawn Kramer moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Clubine and Rettele for the 2001 audit and 2023 budget for \$4,950.00 plus out of pocket expenses. Greg Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2002-1

“AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR PAYMENT OF THE CITY’S BILLS AND DEBITS.”

Thereupon on motion made by council member Greg Wilson moved for its adoption, 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 Mayor Dyck declared the motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Williams moved to adjourn. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janet Jones City Clerk