

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS WASHINGTON, KANSAS OCTOBER 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 October 2002 at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present. Mayor Herbert C. Dyck. Council members Dawn Kramer, Jon Snapp, Greg Wilson, Meyler Gibbs, Kevin Williams.

ABSENT: none

Also present were Paul L. Monty, City Attorney, Tim Schook, City Administrator, Mike Graham, Cunningham Cable TV.

Xerox copies of the minutes of the previous regular council meeting of September 3, 2002 were given to the Mayor and each council member and they were reviewed. Kevin Williams moved to approve the minutes and Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Dyck had a request from Jim McBeath city library board. They will be out of funds or close to by the end of the year. The board is requesting a transfer of funds before the end of the year.

Washington Motel: Can anything be done about an open sewer next to the Motel. Tim said they were 53 feet from the property. The Mayor asked what avenues were open to the City about annexation of this property and others around the city limits. City Attorney Paul Monty and Tim Schook, City Administrator were asked to look into this matter.

Cable TV: Mike Graham from Cunningham Cable TV visited with the council about internet service to the industrial park. This is not feasible for Cunningham at this time but if the City would help with the expenses it would cost approximately \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00. This project would not be available until 2003. The new cable system will be up and running in November with all new channels from 2-66 plus five premium channels. Cunningham will contact each household about hookup of extra channels. The internet system should be up and working in 30 days after the cable is up and running. Mike also asked about the status of the replacement poles.

Greg Wilson asked if the council was going to select an engineering firm. Tim would like to have a firm in hand as they need to upgrade the power plant cooling system. The council will select a firm for the cooling system project and use them when needed. There is no need for a firm for the feasibility study until the Ethanol Plant is 99% ready to go. Kevin Williams moved to have Tim contact SEGA about the engineering system at the Power Plant. Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMT: Discussed the replacement of a fulltime EMT for the City. Kevin Williams moved to authorize Tim to run an ad for a fulltime EMT for the City for four weeks in the Washington County News. Thereupon Greg Wilson seconded he motion. Motion carried.

Employees Health Insurance. Tim requested a committee to be appointed to study health insurance for the city employees. The policy will come due January 1, 2003. Kevin Williams and Jon Snapp will represent the council. Tim will have the employees at the regular staff meeting on Tuesday appoint two.

Franchise Agreements: Kansas Gas Service franchise agreement is coming up in July 2003 and Southwestern Bell franchise is coming up in July of 2004.

The county has done away with the Economic Development Office, Horizons and Economic Development coalition are meeting to try and get organized. They will receive \$10,000.00 from the County and will do public and private fund raising. Tim gave each council member a policy for industrial/business incentives from the County. Council member Snapp would like to have something in place, but to stay with other cities within the County.

News letter from the League on some of KDOT's plans and meetings set up for budget problems. The next couple years the City will be cut back between \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00 in Special Highway Maintenance Fund.

Tim asked the council to look into a new pickup. He doesn't want to replace several at the same time like we did in the past. He and Greg Metz will evaluate what trucks we have and hope to replace.

The Fire/Ambulance committee met and recommended the city use DMA Architects of Salina for engineering services for the new building. This firm has applied for the KanStep Program through KDOCH. This firm has built other emergency and equipment housing. Meyler Gibbs moved the council accept the recommendation made by the Fire/Ambulance committee and hire DMA Architects of Salina. Thereupon Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Refuse: Durflinger Disposal contract is up December 2003. The City can contract or furnish City service.

The High Ranger is having problems passing safety inspections each year. We should start looking for another piece of equipment next year, if the Ethanol Plant goes we will have a better idea of what is needed.

Meyler Gibbs moved to enter into a contract with Clubine and Rettele for the 2002 audit and 2004 budget in the amount of \$4,950.00. Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On motion by council member Meyler Gibbs that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 15 minutes for the purpose of Attorney Client. From 9:30 P.M. to 9:45 P.M. Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried. Thereupon on motion by council member Meyler Gibbs that the council reconvene to the regular session at 9:45 P.M. Council member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2002-10
"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, 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. Motion was declared carried.

Dawn Kramer moved to adjourn. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janet Jones City Clerk