

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WASHINGTON, KANSAS, NOVEMBER 10, 2003

The Governing body of the City of Washington, Kansas, met in adjourned session in the usual meeting place in said City on the tenth day of November, 2003, at 7 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Travis Kier; Council Members: Meyler Gibbs, Dawn Kramer, Roxanne Schottel, Kevin Williams and Jon Snapp.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Paul Monty, City Attorney; City Administrator Tim Schook; City Clerk, Denise Powell; Melvin Brungardt, Mike Manning, Mike Uhlrich, Colleen Hillyer, Caroline Yungeberg, Terry Morse, Larry Pape, Red Dusin, and Tim Pinnick, all City of Washington employees.

Mayor Travis Kier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: Connie Walenta, Insurance Consultant, presented quotes from different companies for employee health insurance. No decision was made and the topic was tabled until the December meeting.

BILLBOARD: Mayor Travis Kier asked the Council about using the billboard on the east side of town to promote Washington. A sign would be in place from the day after Thanksgiving through Jan. 15, 2004, at a cost of \$270. The sign would be in support of Washington's merchants since there is no Chamber of Commerce. Councilwoman Roxanne Schottel made a motion to advertise on the billboard east of town, Nov. 28, 2003, through Jan. 15, 2004, with Tri-State Advertising in the amount of \$270. Councilman Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE: Bids were reviewed. Council member Dawn Kramer moved to accept the bid from Dague Computers and Engraving in the amount of \$7,943 for the purchase of hardware and software. Council member Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE: The Council discussed new budgetary accounting software for utility billing, accounts receivable and payable, payroll and general ledger. This would also allow the City to do meter reads with Palm Pilots. Bids were reviewed. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer moved to accept the bid from Computer Information Concepts not to exceed more than \$18,000. Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POWER PLANT: Mayor Travis Kier asked about the possibility of using the power plant to produce the City's own energy due to the current high prices. City Administrator Tim Schook stated he and Power Plant Superintendent Terry Morse are putting figures together to see if it would be worthwhile.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.