

ADJOURNED MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WASHINGTON, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 12, 2003

The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Kansas, met in adjourned session in the usual meeting place in said city on the twelfth day of February, 2003, at 7 p.m. with the following members present: Council Members, Greg Wilson, Meyler Gibbs and Jon Snapp.

ABSENT: Mayor Herb Dyck, Council Members, Dawn Kramer and Kevin Williams.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Tim Schook, City Administrator; Janet Jones, City Clerk; Denise Powell; Jerry Alldredge; Don Alldredge; Jeff Welch; Mary Leck.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Council President Greg Wilson presided over the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

PUBLIC HEARING: There came on for consideration at this scheduled Public Hearing for the City to consider an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing (KDOC&H) for funding from the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program under the KAN-STEP category.

City Administrator Tim Schook gave an overview of the project. He stated a Low to Moderate Income (LMI) study would have to be completed for Farmington Township. He stated the surveys would be mailed tomorrow with a return date of February 28. He stated we need at least a 51% LMI and at this time we have an LMI of 61.7%. Total cost of the project is \$580,754 with a grant request of \$347,614. The city will meet the remaining monetary needs through use and application of volunteer labor. Schook asked the Council to certify legal authority.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-3

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE KANSAS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & HOUSING AND AUTHORIZEING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION.

There being no oral or written objections at this Public Hearing, Councilman Meyler Gibbs moved to authorize the Mayor of The City of Washington to sign Resolution 2003-3. Thereupon Councilman Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Council President Greg Wilson declared the motion carried unanimously by all present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-4

“A RESOLUTION ASSURING THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING THAT FUNDS WILL BE CONTINUALLY PROVIDED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIRE STATION TO BE FINANCED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.”

There being no oral or written objections at this Public Hearing Councilman Jon Snapp moved to authorize the Mayor of The City of Washington to sign Resolution 2003-4. Thereupon Councilman Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Council President Greg Wilson declared the motion carried unanimously by all present.

Council President Greg Wilson stated this is a tremendous project and the Council appreciates all the hard work the committee has put into it. This is a neat way to accomplish a dream and it builds camaraderie amongst the townspeople.

Jerry Alldredge, rural fire chief, thank the council for their support and all they have done. He stated the fire departments are excited about the project.

REFUGE: City Administrator Tim Schook passed out a letter from the Washington County Commissioners that stated they neglected to inform the City about an increase of the gate fees at the transfer station. The fees went from \$30 to \$33 per ton effective Jan. 1, 2003. They apologized for any inconvenience they may have caused.

City Administrator Tim Schook stated Verle Decker, Mayor of Hollenberg, was in to visit with him concerning the new trash contract. He voiced concerns that Hollenberg and other small towns would be without trash service. He asked that the City keep him informed of their plans.

Schook also gave the Council an estimate of what the cost would be if the City were to pickup and haul trash. The Council discussed the different options.

Councilman Jon Snapp stated he would like to see it stay private. He stated a license and contract could set guidelines for the hauler. Schook stated he wanted to give the best service possible with the most reasonable rate. Snapp will chair a committee looking into the different options.

POWER PLANT: Bids were opened for a \$200,000 lease purchase agreement on the engine cooling system at the power plant. First bid, Gold Bank, five years at 4.5 percent; seven years at 4.75 percent and ten years at 5 percent. The second bid, First National Bank of Washington, five years at 3.68 percent; seven years at 3.98 percent and ten years at 4.4 percent. Council member Greg Wilson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a 7-year lease purchase agreement with First National Bank of Washington. Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jon Snapp abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

POOL: City Administrator Tim Schook gave the Council the swimming pool rate study. After review, the Council will leave the pool ticket prices the same as last year, family ticket, \$70; single ticket, \$40; and single day pass, age 18 and above, \$2, ages 5-17 years, \$1.50, and under five years Free. Schook stated Amy Hoover will be the instructor for swimming lessons. Caroline Yungeberg will oversee the operation of the pool. She will be attending a class at the end of the month to become a certified pool operator.

15/36 JCT: A rural traffic engineer will be doing a road safety audit on highway 36. City Administrator Tim Schook asked the council if they had any concerns they would like addressed. Schook stated he plans to visit with our local legislatures about the 15/36 intersection.

Councilman Meyler Gibbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Greg Wilson. Motion carried.