

ADJOURNED MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WASHINGTON, KANSAS, MARCH 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 March, 2003, with the following members present: Council Members Greg Wilson, Dawn Kramer, Jon Snapp and Kevin Williams. Meyler Gibbs arrived at 8:25 p.m. due to being on an ambulance run.

ABSENT: Mayor Herb Dyck.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: City Attorney Paul Monty, City Administrator Tim Schook, City Clerk Janet Jones, Denise Powell; Mike and Christy Riley and Harold Jones.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

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

REFUSE: Mike and Christy Riley, owners of C&M Refuse, were asked by Council President Greg Wilson what their estimated rates were for hauling trash. The Riley's said they estimated residential hauling somewhere between \$9.85 and \$10.00 per month and commercial \$5.25 to \$7.50 per yard. The Riley's would do their own billing and they carry a million-dollar general liability insurance policy. The Riley's stated they would not be in favor of a performance bond.

City Administrator Tim Schook stated he recently received a letter from the Washington County Noxious Weed Department stating that a performance bond might not be a good idea. It will also drive the cost up.

The Riley's told the Council that they would like to see a minimum of a two year contract for residential hauling and a minimum three year contract for residential hauling.

Council President Wilson stated he was glad to have at least two interested parties. He stated the Council would move forward with setting the guidelines for hauling and policy for licensing.

Council member Jon Snapp stated he would like to see a designated day for residential pickup as well as timely pickup.

The Riley's and Jones were concerned with uncollected fees for residential pickup. "It would be up to the hauler to take recourse," stated City Administrator Tim Schook. "However, the City would like to know when the hauler quits hauling trash for a resident."

"Open competition is the way to go," stated Councilman Jon Snapp.

Councilman Jon Snapp made a motion to have open competition for residential and commercial refuse hauling by commercial haulers who meet licensing criteria. City license not to exceed one year starting January 1, 2004. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council President Greg Wilson stated they would set licensing criteria at the April council meeting.

INSURANCE: Connie Walenta, Kastl-Powell Insurance Agency Inc., visited with the council about consulting for the City on health insurance for city employees. Council President Greg Wilson asked Walenta about her qualifications and experience. Walenta has been in the insurance business for 18 years. She is a certified underwriter, certified insurance, a life underwriter training council fellow and has been on the board of NAIFA of the Heartland for twelve years. She is licensed in Kansas and Nebraska.

Councilman Snapp inquired as to how many insurance companies write insurance in Kansas. Walenta stated that there was approximately twelve. Some of those only write for age 50 and above. Some will not write entities.

Council President Greg Wilson inquired what the rates would be if the City hired her as a consultant. Walenta stated it would be \$25 per hour and \$200 a trip.

The Council thanked her for her time and stated they would be in touch with her.

CAFETERIA PLAN: Denise Powell presented an email to the Council from Bonnie Miller giving four different options on setting up a bank account to administer the cafeteria plan. Powell was to contact Miller about option three, which states the City would set up an account with AFLAC and transfer the funds there on each payroll and they write the amount out of their account. There are bank account fees associated with the account AFLAC sets up in Atlanta, GA. The Council would prefer to set up an account at First National Bank, Washington, and AFLAC could take the funds out here rather than having an account in Atlanta, GA. The Council would also like to know what the fees are.

POWER PLANT: City Administrator Tim Schook stated he was not able to get the hard copy together on the loan to upgrade the DC control system. He stated he wants to increase the lease purchase from \$200,000 to \$230,000. This would allow breakers to be put on the DC controls. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer made a motion to increase the lease/purchase agreement with First National Bank from \$200,000 to \$230,00. Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Jon Snapp abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

RESERVE UNIT: City Administrator Tim Schook stated the City received a letter from the 89th Regional Support Command, Department of the Army, notifying the City of the impending mobilization. The soldiers of the 487th Engineer Detachment, Washington, are being activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit will hold a Deployment Ceremony Saturday, March 15 at 3 p.m. at the Longhorn. The Council was to notify them if they are interested in attending.

Councilman Jon Snapp made a motion to have City Administrator propose a letter of support of deployment and that all council members sign the letter. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE/AMBULANCE GRANT: The grant application is done according to City Administrator Tim Schook. The total cost of the project is \$580,754 with the city providing in kind labor. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer made a motion to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the necessary paperwork for application of the fire/ambulance building. Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by Council Member Kevin Williams that the City Council go into executive session for approximately five minutes for the purpose of attorney/client privileges. From 8:09 p.m. to 8:14 p.m. Thereupon councilman Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Councilman John Snapp that the council reconvenes to adjourned session at 8:14 p.m. Thereupon Councilwoman Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion was declared carried.

On motion by Councilman Jon Snapp that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes for the purpose of attorney/client privileges. From 8:15 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. Thereupon Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Jon Snapp that the Council reconvenes to the adjourned session at 8:25 p.m. Thereupon Councilwoman Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion was declared carried.

Councilman Jon Snapp moved to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign a contract with Charles McAtee for the purchase of the old Westside property. Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. As per the contract, a check of \$300 will be delivered to Charles McAtee with the contract.

REFUSE: The Council asked City Attorney Paul Monty to draw up an ordinance for the licensing of trash haulers.

Council President Greg Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer seconded motion. Motion carried.