

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WASHINGTON, KANSAS, MARCH 3, 2003

The Governing body of the City of Washington, Kansas, met in regular session in the usual meeting place in said City on the third day of March, 2003, at 7 p.m. with the following members present: Council Members: Meyler Gibbs, Dawn Kramer, Jon Snapp, Kevin Williams and Greg Wilson.

ABSENT: Mayor Herb Dyck.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Tim Schook, City Administrator; Paul Monty, City Attorney; Janet Jones, City Clerk; Denise Powell; Harold Jones; Jim Jones; Don Alldredge; Bill Hays, Washington County News.

Xerox copies of the minutes of the previous regular meeting of Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, and adjourned minutes of Feb. 12, 2003, were given to the Mayor and each Council Member for review. Councilman Kevin Williams moved to adopt the minutes with Meyler Gibbs seconding the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

In the absence of Mayor Herb Dyck, Council President Greg Wilson presided over the meeting.

VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS: Don Alldredge asked the Council to consider an ordinance setting a limit on how long large vehicles can be left parked on City streets without being moved. Alldredge stated his neighbor has had two large vehicles parked on the street across from his house for an extended period of time. He said they are a traffic hazard. Alldredge stated he visited with his neighbor concerning the issue and the neighbor is not willing to move them. Council President Wilson stated the Council would look into the issue and see if something could be done. The issue will be revisited at the next regular council meeting.

RESOLUTION 2003-5

Councilman Meyler Gibbs made a motion to authorize Mayor Herb Dyck to sign Resolution 2003-5 giving authority to adopt a flexible benefits plan within the context of Section 125 of the Internal Revenue code for benefit of the employer's eligible employees. Seconding the motion was Councilwoman Dawn Kramer. Motion carried.

BANK RESOLUTION: The First National Bank of Washington requires a corporate resolution be signed in order for the City to open an account for the cafeteria plan. Councilman Meyler Gibbs moved to sign the resolution. Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Jon Snapp abstained.

REFUSE: City Administrator Tim Schook told Council members that he had sought estimates from four trash haulers on what they might charge to serve city customers under open competition after the county's single hauler contract with Durflinger Disposal expires in December 2003. The decision before the Council is whether to contract with a single hauler to handle residential/commercial trash pickup or to allow residents/businesses to select the hauler of their choice. Harold and Jim Jones, who have expressed an interest as haulers, were asked by the Council what they thought the rates would have to be. "You are looking at \$5-\$10 per residence including recycling pickup and \$4-\$7 per yard for commercial accounts," said Harold Jones. "It also depends on what insurance and licensing is required and who does the billing." Schook stated that C&M Refuse, owned by Mike and Christy Riley, sent in a rate of \$10 per month for residential. They would not provide a performance bond. They are also not interested in open competition. Seneca Sanitation was not interested in open competition either. Temps, Marysville, estimates \$12 per household with their staff doing the monthly billing. A 65-gallon poly-cart would be \$14 a month; 95-gallon cart would be \$15. They repair or replace the carts. Businesses are allowed to use the 95-gallon carts for \$15 a month. Rear load containers range from one cubic yard at \$34 per month to six cubic yards at \$168.00 per month. After discussion, the issue was tabled until the adjourned meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, March 10.

FARM LEASE BID: One bid was received for the farm lease ground at the Washington Industrial Park. Stigge & Sons Inc., place a bid of \$1,150 annually. In addition, they will reduce or hopefully eliminate the non-point erosion from the land south of this field. They plan to plant grass in strategic locations and use rock. Councilman Jon Snapp moved to accept the bid and Councilwoman Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COPIER: The copier in city hall has had many repairs. The Xerox repair has replaced everything possible and the City probably needs to look at purchasing/leasing a new one. Council President Greg Wilson stated we should look into one with a print server and color laser. Options are to be explored and they will be reviewed at the next regular board meeting.

HEALTH INSURANCE: City Administrator Tim Schook reported that Washington County Hospital is having trouble getting signed on with Midlands Choice, one of the health programs available to city employees. Denise Powell stated that Washington County Hospital has been accepted as a participating provider March 1, 2003, for Preferred Health Professionals. Doctors Hodgson and Thompson are in the credential process awaiting verification. Council President Wilson suggested the City begin looking for a new provider. The Council requested that Bonnie Miller and Connie Walenta, health insurance consultants, be notified and asked to attend the adjourned meeting Monday, March 10. The Council would like to visit with them about the services they provide and rates they charge.

MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION: City Administrator Schook stated he has encouraged incoming clerk Denise Powell to go through the clerk's training school and asked the council for their support. The Council encouraged Powell to attend.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Councilman Meyler Gibbs moved to adopt changes in the personnel policy to funeral leave an call-outs. Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. E-7. Funeral leave is to read: In case of death of a member of an employee's immediate family (to include only the spouse, children, mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents or close relatives by marriage of the employee or employee's spouse), full-time employees shall be granted paid funeral leave not to exceed three (3) consecutive working days. If the employee requests more leave, it may be charged against any unused sick or vacation leave, unless the employee elects to take leave without pay. Overtime work is to read: D-5-1. Call-Outs. Any employee that gets called out for an emergency service call outside their normal workday shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay for such call.

KMEA: Councilman Meyler Gibbs moved to appoint Tim Schook as resident member to the KMEA board of directors and Terry Morse as alternate member. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KMU: Administrator Tim Schook informed the Council that the KMU conference is May 7-9 in Wichita. Schook asked the Council to let him know if they plan to attend so reservations could be made. Attending will be Kevin Williams, Greg Wilson and Tim Schook. Paul Monty, Dawn Kramer and Meyler Gibbs will check their schedules and get back to him.

FIRE/AMBULANCE BUILDING: Administrator Tim Schook reported the LMI study for Farmington Township for the fire/ambulance building was done and in the mail to John Cyr, North Central Regional Planning Commission executive director, who is preparing the grant.

POWER PLANT: Administrator Tim Schook reported that during the recent power outage there were problems getting on-line with the generators. One was an old trip, which has been replaced. The second, there is no control of the switches out in the switchyard and there are no protective relays on the tiebreaker which caused the low voltage problems. Schook has asked Mid States Energy Works to upgrade this system with a DC control system. Schook proposed authorizing the cost estimate of \$21,765 in upgrades to the city's generating system increasing the current lease/purchase agreement of the cooling tower with First National Bank of Washington, to \$230,000. The Council asked Schook to get the information and they would revisit the issue at the adjourned meeting on March 10.

ETHANOL PLANT: Administrator Tim Schook informed the Council that Ethanol Grain Processors has hired US Energy Service to manage gas. Schook stated he met with ICM and Sega to start the feasibility study for co-generation.

WESTSIDE: Charles McAtee purchased the property at the Sheriff's sale. The City's next step is to try to enter into a contract with McAtee. At that point, the next step would be to contact KDHE to start cleanup, according to City Attorney Paul Monty.

There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitle:

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 2003-03
"AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR PAYMENT OF THE CITY'S BILLS AND DEBITS."

Thereupon on motion made by Council Member Dawn Kramer 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 Councilman Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Thereupon the mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilman Meyler Gibbs made a motion to adjourn to 7 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2003, at City Hall. Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.