

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WASHINGTON, KANSAS, AUGUST 4, 2003

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Tim Schook, City Administrator; Paul Monty, City Attorney; Denise Powell, City Clerk; Bill Hays, Washington County News; Justin Cordry, Washington County Under sheriff.

Copies of the minutes of the previous regular meeting of Monday, July 7, 2003, and special meeting minutes were given to the Mayor and each Council Member for review. Councilman Kevin Williams moved to accept the minutes. Councilwoman Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

SHERIFF: Undersheriff Justin Cordry asked the Council to adopt the 2003 Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code. Cordry stated he recommends they be adopted every two years and the last time the Council adopted them was in 1998. Cordry also recommended that fines and court costs be set imperative with state fees. Cordry stated he talked with Judge Taylor who recommends a \$60 court cost fee across the board. Cordry stated a uniform fee would also make it easier on the officers.

Mayor Travis Kier inquired as to what the City's current court cost is, which is \$30.

Councilwoman Dawn Kramer made a motion to increase the court cost from \$30 to \$60. Councilman Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Undersheriff Cordry stated they are having an ATV problem in the City of Washington. The statutes say ATV's are classified differently and they would like to know how the Council would like the situation handled.

City Attorney Paul Monty will add the change to Ordinance 685, which includes the Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code. Monty will have the ordinance for review at the Noon meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003.

REFUSE: City Superintendent Tim Schook informed the Council he is working with City Attorney Paul Monty on drawing up the license and license applications. He will have them ready at the regular board meeting in September.

EASEMENT: A fence installed by the Jones Brothers for the Army Reserve Center north of the Kuhlman building is three to four feet on City property. Jones has requested an easement to the property or some sort of legal action so there are no problems in the future. The item was tabled till next month.

SPILL PREVENTION CONTAINMENT AND CONTROL PLAN: City Administrator Tim Schook stated Power Plant Superintendent Terry Morse is still working on the proposal. SPCC is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency and must have an engineer's stamp.

EARTHMOVERS: City Attorney Paul Monty presented to the Council the contract and deed conveying property at the industrial site to Richard Terry Bailey and Ruth Helen Bailey. Councilman Jon Snapp made a motion to convey the property to Richard Terry Bailey and Ruth Helen Bailey with conditions outlined in the contract. Councilwoman Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SIDEWALKS: Councilwoman Dawn Kramer asked if the City had an ordinance for sidewalks. City Administrator Tim Schook stated that the Mayor and Council could authorize a sidewalk installed. Kramer voiced concerns about the lack of a sidewalk on the east and west sides of E Street from the grade school down south to First Street. Mayor Travis Kier asked City Administrator Tim Schook to visit with Mike Stegman, USD 222 school superintendent, to see what the school's plans are since some of the property is owed by USD 222.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR TIM SCHOOK'S BUSINESS:

D STREET PARKING: City Administrator Tim Schook asked the Council to rescind the motion made at the July 7, 2003, meeting making a no parking zone on the east side of D Street from US 36 to the road north of the

City's swimming pool. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer made a motion to rescind the motion. Councilman Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE BOOK: Schook stated that Caroline Yungeberg and him are working on updating the ordinance book. Once updated he would like to have it put on the City's website.

SUNDAY BEER SALES: City Administrator Tim Schook was approached about the City allowing Sunday beer sales. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer made a motion to pass a charter ordinance to allow 3.2 beer sales on Sunday. Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion failed. Voting yes were Kramer and Williams. Voting no were Gibbs, Snapp and Schottel.

Mayor Travis Kier stated that if the surrounding counties pass an ordinance allowing Sunday beer sales he would bring the issue up again.

GRANT APPLICATIONS: The Hwy. 15 and U.S. 36 grant application project has been sent in, according to City Administrator Tim Schook. He stated he was also able to submit the Pierce Street project grant as well.

WESTSIDE: According to City Administrator Tim Schook the Westside project is pretty much complete. Schook informed the Council that contractors with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment would be up Friday to discuss the clean up process.

Schook asked the Council if they would like to have an auction or place an ad for sealed bids on the salvage material and windmill from the project. No action was taken.

Mayor Travis Kier said to let the employees know they have done a good job on the project.

WELCOME SIGN: City Administrator Tim Schook, at the request of Mayor Travis Kier, informed the Council that the billboard west of Washington needs repainting and some work done to it. According to Schook, the Chamber of Commerce took care of the sign and since it disbanded it would probably fall back on the City. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer told the Council that former resident Kelli Kern Oestreich has a new design and if the City would purchase the paint she would redo the sign. No action taken.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE: The League of Kansas Municipalities Conference is Oct. 11-14 in Topeka. Schook needs to know who will be attending so he can reserve motel rooms. Council members Kramer, Williams and Schottel stated they would attend. Council members Gibbs, Snapp, City Attorney Monty and Mayor Kier were to check their schedules and get back to him.

There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitle:

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 2003-08

“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 12829 through 12903 warrant Check 12780 through 12856 in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Thereupon the mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Travis Kier read a letter to the Council from Cliff Stewart who is resigning from the Library Board due to health reasons and the letter he wrote in response, accepting Stewart's resignation. A letter of support for a grant KSDS is applying for written by Mayor Kier was also read.

Councilman Jon Snapp made a motion to adjourn to Noon Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, at City Hall. Councilman Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.