

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WASHINGTON, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

The Governing body of the City of Washington, Kansas, met in regular session in the usual meeting place in said City on the second day of September, 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: Paul Monty, City Attorney; Denise Powell, City Clerk; Bill Hays, Washington County News; and Arthur DeHart, Sr., Washington.

Copies of the minutes of the previous regular meeting of Monday, Aug. 4 and adjourned meeting minutes of Aug. 12, 2003, were given to the Mayor and each Council Member for review. Councilman Meyler Gibbs requested a correction to Ordinances 685, 686, 687. With the corrections noted Councilman Meyler Gibbs made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

VEHICLE NOISE ORDINANCE: Arthur DeHart Sr. asked the Council if the City had a Vehicle Noise Ordinance and if so when it would be enforced. DeHart referred to the semis and their jake brakes, motorcycles and boom boxes. Mayor Travis Kier told DeHart that the only recourse at this point was to visit with Sheriff Bill Overbeck about the complaint. Mayor Kier told DeHart if it were a continued problem the Council would revisit the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by Council Member Meyler Gibbs that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes for the purpose to discuss non-elected personnel. From 7:10 to 7:20 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion.

Thereupon the motion carried unanimously. On motion by Council Member Dawn Kramer that the Council reconvenes to the regular session at 7:14 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion was declared carried. No action was taken.

SEGA: City Clerk Denise Powell let the Council know that City Administrator Tim Schook will meet in mid September with SEGA to discuss the electric distribution study.

REFUSE: A copy of the license and license application were presented to the Council for review. Councilman Jon Snapp made a motion to approve license applications for C&M Refuse Inc. and Jones Trash Service subject to them complying on Jan 1, 2004, with terms of the refuse ordinance. Councilwoman Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilwoman Dawn Kramer abstained from voting.

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. Councilman Meyer Gibbs inquired as to what boundary they were talking about. City Attorney Paul Monty stated it was the East fence. After discussing the options of renting, selling or granting an easement, Councilman Jon Snapp said he was interested in having City Attorney Paul Monty draw up a simple lease and if the City sells the property, Jones would be subject to the new landowners. The Council asked City Attorney Paul Monty to draw up a contract to be approved at the October meeting.

WELCOME SIGN: The billboard west of Washington needs repainting and some work done to it. Mayor Travis Kier asked Councilwoman Dawn Kramer to visit with Kelli Oestreich about a new design. The item will be revisited at the October meeting.

SPILL PREVENTION CONTAINMENT AND CONTROL PLAN: 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. The plan will be revisited in January 2004.

SIDEWALKS: City Administrator Tim Schook was to visit with USD 222 Superintendent Mike Stegman about the school's plans for a sidewalk on E Street from the grade school to First Street since the school owns part of the property. Schook had not visited with the school yet, but has a meeting set with BG Consultants to do a study for the need and placement of sidewalks. The item will be revisited at the October meeting.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE: The League of Kansas Municipalities Conference is Oct. 11-14 in Topeka. Councilman Jon Snapp made a motion to appoint City Administrator Tim Schook as voting delegate and Councilwoman Dawn Kramer as alternate voting delegate at the league conference. Registration sheets for those attending the conference should be filled out and turned in to Schook by Sept. 5.

WINDMILL: Councilman Meyler Gibbs made a motion to accept sealed bids for the purchase and removal of the windmill located on the Westside property. Councilman Kevin Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE/AMBULANCE BUILDING: City Clerk Denise Powell spoke with Architect Don Mars who is sending up the legal notice to begin accepting bids for the project. The notice will appear in the Sept. 11 issue of the Washington County News. Bids will be opened at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6 and Mars will present them to the Council that evening at the regular meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD: Mayor Travis Kier advised the Council he would like to appoint Phil Kingston to fill the vacancy of Cliff Stewart on the Library Board. Councilman Jon Snapp made a motion to appoint Phil Kingston to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Cliff Stewart. Councilman Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PIERCE STREET PROJECT: City Attorney Paul Monty reported that he is working on the street project for Pierce Street to prepare for the assisted living facility.

SKID LOADER: Councilman Jon Snapp stated Ted Bruna, Bruna Implement Company, brought him information for the purchase of a skid loader. Councilwoman Roxanne Schottel made a motion to purchase the skid loader for \$1,190 from Bruna Implement subject to the approval of City Administrator Tim Schook. Councilman Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Employee health insurance was discussed. City Clerk Denise Powell asked if the Council wanted Insurance Consultant Connie Walenta to place the bids for employee health insurance. The Council said they would like Walenta to place the bids. The Council also asked Powell to contact Walenta and have her come to the October council meeting.

There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitle:

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 2003-09

“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 12907 through 12962 warrant Check 12857 through 12925 in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Thereupon the mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilman Kevin Williams made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.