

REGULAR MEETING; COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE: JANUARY 3, 2005

The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Kansas, met in Regular Session in the usual meeting place in said City on Monday, the third day of January, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Travis Kier, Council Members Meyler Gibbs, Jon Snapp and Dawn Kramer.

ABSENT: Council Members Roxanne Schottel and Kevin Williams.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Paul Monty, City Attorney; Tim Schook, City Administrator; and Denise Powell, City Clerk.

Mayor Travis Kier called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Copies of the minutes of the previous regular council meeting of Monday, December 6, 2004; Tuesday, December 7, 2004 and Monday, December 27, 2004 were given to the Mayor and each council member for review. Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to amend the minutes of the Tuesday, December 7, 2004, minutes to reflect that Council Member Meyler Gibbs abstained from voting on the motion to increase pay by 2.7 percent for a Cost of Living Adjustment including EMS personnel wages commencing the first pay period in 2005. Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

WELCOME SIGN: Council Member Dawn Kramer reported that the Welcome Sign west of Washington should be completed around January 15, 2005.

KUHLMAN BULDING EASEMENT: The Council asked to have the land surveyed to find property lines and for City Attorney Paul Monty to begin legal proceedings to get a fence moved.

UTILITY BILLING: Code was not ready for review. Will work on this once the ESB project is complete. No action taken.

FREE HOUSING LOT: Council Member Jon Snapp made a motion to approve the Homestead Act Application. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Jon Snapp also asked that the Free Housing Lots be promoted on the City's website and through the news media.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION: City Attorney Paul Monty is to review City Administrator Tim Schook's plan and have a rough draft for review. No action taken.

ZONING: No action taken.

PERSONNEL POLICY: The Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24 to begin reviewing the personnel policy.

SPCC: City Administrator Tim Schook stated Power Plant Superintendent Terry Morse is finalizing the cost estimate to become compliant with the SPCC plan. Cost is going to be around \$12,000. In July, EPA gave an 18-month extension for implementation of the SPCC. New extension dates are Feb. 17, 2006, for amending the SPCC plan and Aug. 18, 2006 for full compliance.

TRUCKS: No action taken.

TELEPHONE SERVICE: City Administrator Tim Schook stated he is working with Southwestern Bell Representative Cindy Zapletal in researching the issue of franchise fees being charged to providers who use SBC lines.

AUDIT: City Council Member Jon Snapp moved to approve a contract with Clubine and Rettele for the 2004 audit at \$4,950 plus expenses. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AFLAC: Council Member Dawn Kramer moved to sign the Employer's Acknowledgment with AFLAC and the Flex Spending Contract with Bonnie Miller. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Council Member Jon Snapp expressed his concern in restricting ATV's from being driven on City streets. No action taken.

CITY HALL DAY AT THE CAPITOL: City Administrator Tim Schook informed the Council that City Hall day will be January 25 at the Capitol in Topeka. Anyone interested in attending is to let him know.

TRAINING: The Northern Regional Training Group schedule for 2005 was given to each Council Member.

EGP: City Administrator Tim Schook stated a representative with Ethanol Grain Processors will be visiting with the Council in the near future.

LAW BOOK: Council Member Jon Snapp moved to purchase the Kansas Local Government Law book for City Attorney Paul Monty. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2005-1

“AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR PAYMENT OF THE CITY'S BILLS AND DEBITS.”

Thereupon on motion made by Council Member Jon Snapp moved for its adoption, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue payroll Check Numbers 1758 through 1809 and warrant Check Numbers 31250 through 31297 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.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Meyler Gibbs moved to adjourn to 7 p.m. Monday, January 24, 2005. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.