

REGULAR MEETING; COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE: JANUARY 3, 2006

The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Kansas met in Regular Session in the usual meeting place in said City on Tuesday, the third day of January, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Travis Kier; Council Members Tom Dragastin, Meyler Gibbs, Dawn Kramer and Roxanne Schottel.

ABSENT: Council Member Jon Snapp.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: City Attorney Paul Monty; City Administrator Tim Schook; City Clerk Denise Powell; Power Plant Superintendent Terry Morse; and Bill Hays, Washington County News.

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

Xerox Copies of the minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting of Monday, December 5, 2005 and adjourned meeting minutes of Wednesday, December 28, 2005. Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections: Council Member Meyler Gibbs abstained from voting on health insurance; City Attorney Paul Monty was not present at the adjourned meeting; and the motion was to accept the deed conveying the NW ¼ of lot 24 in Block Q to the City from Frontier Lodge 104. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

PORTENIER'S: Brad and Donna Portenier visited with the Council concerning the former Kuhlman Motor Company building.

On motion by Council Member Meyler Gibbs that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 30 minutes for the purpose to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs. From 7:12 p.m. to 7:42 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Thereupon the motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Council Member Meyler Gibbs that the council reconvenes to the regular session at 7:42 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to enter into an agreement for the sale of the former Kuhlman Motor Company building, 110 East Second Street, for \$25,000. The buyers to get immediate possession upon closing, pay 2006 taxes, provide title insurance or abstract title at City's discretion, utilities assigned to buyers upon taking possession, risk of loss buyer's responsibility and the purchase of the building in as is condition. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Travis Kier stated the buyers' plan is to make vehicle wiring harnesses and employ of three to five people.

WELL CONTRACT: Robert and Marvel Boston sent notice they would like to renegotiate the well contract. City Administrator Tim Schook stated he has not begun negotiations.

AIRPORT HANGER CONTRACT: The Council took no action in drawing up a lease for land that an airport hanger owned by Tim Pinnick sits on at the old airport. The original lease arranged with other parties in 1974 was for \$1 per year. The original lease cannot be located and the above information pertaining to the lease was located in previous council minutes.

UTILITY BILLING: City Attorney Paul Monty and City Administrator Tim Schook working on code, which was not ready for review.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN: City Attorney Paul Monty is to review City Administrator Tim Schook's plan and have a rough draft for review. Plan was not ready for review.

ZONING: The Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, January 23, 2006, to review Zoning Ordinance.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to appoint Tim Schook as animal control officer. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GAAP Waiver: Council Member Meyler Gibbs moved to adopt Resolution 2006-01, GAAP Waiver (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDIT: Council Member Tom Dragastin moved to approve a contract with Clubine and Rettele for the 2005 audit not to exceed \$5,000. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS: Council Member Dawn Kramer asked about the progress on the house located at 122 East Fourth Street. Council Member Meyler Gibbs inquired about the Charles Coleman property at 123 West Eighth. City Attorney Paul Monty stated he would contact the Judge and cite him for being in contempt of court for not following orders of court.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT: Mileage reimbursement went down to 44.5 cents effective January 1, 2006. The rate was 48.5 cents.

SAFETY PLANS: Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to approve the following safety plans: emergency action plan, accident investigation policy, accident investigation report, job hazard analysis, trenching and shoring, personal protective equipment policy, hazard assessment form, fire prevention plan, blood borne pathogens program and the revised safety policy. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE: A motion to pay firemen when they respond to the station for City related emergency calls but are cancelled and do not take the trucks out of the station was made by Council Member Tom Dragastin. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved to salvage what can be salvaged from the old rescue van and then allow the firemen to use it for training. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ELECTRIC UTILITY: To secure lower cost electricity the Council approved the following agreements, resolutions and ordinance:

Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement Creating The Kansas Power Pool ("KPP"), A Municipal Energy Agency. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Amendment To The Agreement Creating The Kansas Power Pool ("KPP"), a Municipal Energy Agency and adding the City of Washington thereto. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Dawn Kramer moved to adopt Resolution 2006-2, a resolution approving the agreement creating the Kansas Power Pool ("KPP"), a Municipal Energy Agency and authorizing the execution of an amendment creating the agency by adding the City of Washington, Kansas, to said agency. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Meyler Gibbs moved to adopt Resolution 2006-3, a resolution of the City of Washington, Kansas, appointing Terry Morse, Director 1 and Dawn Kramer, Director 2, to serve on the Board of Directors of the Kansas Power Pool ("KPP"), a Municipal Energy Agency. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 698

AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE CITY OF WASHINGTON A MEMBER OF THE KANSAS POWER POOL ("KPP"), A MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY

said Ordinance No. 698 was read in full, considered and discussed, thereupon the Council Member Dawn Kramer moved for its adoption and Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Thereupon the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 698 duly adopted and passed unanimously by all council members present, and the Mayor directed that said Ordinance No. 698 be published in the Washington County News on Thursday, January 5, 2006, as provided by Ordinance.

City Administrator Tim Schook reported that he has received the Southwest Power Pool transmission study from Kansas Municipal Energy Agency for the Grand River Dam Authority power. The City's upgrade allocation is \$104,000 and will be available in June of 2010. There will be no out of pocket cost for the upgrade, as normal tariff will cover these costs. The City will probably have to take part in a letter of credit, according to Schook. The City has moved to the next step which is the facility cost study at a cost of \$400 to \$800.

STREETS: City Administrator Tim Schook stated he received a letter from the Kansas Department of Transportation giving tentative approval for the U.S. 36 and K-15 geometric improvement plan. The total cost for this phase and the 15/36 intersections is estimated at \$1,200,000.00 with KDOT covering 95% of the cost and the city covering 5% or \$60,000.00.

City Administrator Tim Schook and County Engineer Dave Willbrant recently received word the federal funding will not come in like proposed in the new highway bill. This means that the federal funding on the B Street project, which is estimated at \$1,300,000.00, will only cover \$620,000.00, with the city and county coming up with \$680,000.00. Schook stated he and Willbrant felt this will be too big of expenditure for the City and County to take on at this time and are looking at alternative ways to complete this project at a lower cost.

REFUSE LICENSE: Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved to accept the application for refuse hauling license for Durflinger Disposal subject to receiving the current certificate of insurance and inspection of vehicles. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2006-1

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

Thereupon on motion made by Council Member Tom Dragastin moved for its adoption, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue payroll Check Numbers 2500 through 2547 and warrant Check Numbers 32531 through 32577 in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon Council Roxanee Schottel seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to adjourn to 7 p.m. Monday, January 23, 2006. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.