

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2006

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

Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Paul Monty; City Clerk Denise Powell; Bill Hays, Washington County News; Kelly Davert, BCBS representative; Greg Knedlik, Washington; Mike Schuessler, Washington; Randy Wyatt, Washington.

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

Mayor Travis Kier appointed Randy Wyatt to fill the unexpired term of Jon Snapp following Snapp's resignation at the October 2, 2006, council meeting. Council Member Dawn Kramer made a motion to accept Mayor Kier's appointment. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried. Randy Wyatt was sworn in as council member by City Clerk Denise Powell.

Xerox Copies of the minutes of the previous regular meeting of Monday, October 2, 2006, were given to the Mayor and each Council member for review. Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2006-11

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

Thereupon on motion made by Council Roxanne Schottel moved for its adoption, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue payroll Check Numbers 3190 through 3236 and warrant Check Numbers 3130 through 3189 and 33392 through 33406 in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon Council Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Kelly Davert, BCBS representative, reviewed group health benefit packages and bids. No action was taken.

COMMERCIAL LOT: Greg Knedlik, Washington, presented an official application for the commercial lot located at 317 West Seventh Street. Council Member Dawn Kramer made a motion to deny Knedlik's application for the commercial lot at 317 West Seventh Street. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Members Meyler Gibbs and Randy Wyatt abstained.

Mike Schuessler, Washington, presented an official application for the commercial lot located at 317 West Seventh Street. Council members asked that Schuessler be notified to present a detailed business plan and drawing as required by the application.

UTILITY BILLING: The utility billing code was not ready for review..

ZONING: No action taken.

15/36 Project: City Attorney Paul Monty stated he should have the appraisal for the Gaines land acquisition at the December council meeting.

COLEMAN PROPERTY: City Attorney Paul Monty stated Chuck Coleman, resident of the city, had appeared in court and paid a fine relating to parked, stored or permitted to be parked and stored inoperable vehicles upon his premise at 123 West Eighth Street. Coleman has failed to fully comply with the order to abate. The Council directed Monty to seek further punitive action.

The Council instructed Monty to file on blighted property as per Ordinance No. 703 at the same address, 123 West Eighth Street.

LIBRARY: City Attorney Paul Monty didn't have the Charter Ordinance prepared to increase mill levy from five to eight for the library fund.

Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved to pay the Library \$2,000 out of the general fund. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BROADBAND OVER POWERLINES: City Administrator Tim Schook will not meet with representatives from USI Industrial Services, Inc., about doing a study until January 2007.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Council members took City Attorney Paul Monty's suggestion to talk with Sheriff Bill Overbeck about handling vicious animals after 5 p.m., weekends and holidays with city personnel handling animal issues during normal business hours. Monty will visit with Overbeck and the Council will revisit the issue at the December council meeting.

POOL: Previous meeting minutes of the pool committee were in the council packets for review.

AMBULANCE: Discussion on purchase of a new ambulance will be addressed at a future date.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Council Member Tom Dragastin moved to authorize Mayor Travis Kier to sign a letter concerning direct deposit of county tax distributions. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEED: Commonwealth Title Insurance Company, Clay Center, was asking for a quit claim deed for an undivided one-half interest in the south nine inches of the north eighteen inches of lot two in block 21 (common wall between the City Hall of City of Washington and Washington County News). No action was taken. Council Member Randy Wyatt abstained from any discussion.

REFUSE LICENSE APPLICATION: Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved to accept the refuse license application from C&M Refuse, Inc., upon passing inspection. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Dawn Kramer abstained.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Council Member Meyler Gibbs moved to accept the cereal malt beverage applications from Schoen's Market and Casey's General Store. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STANDARD HEARING OFFICER: Mayor Travis Kier appointed Jim Dodds Standard Hearing Officer as per Ordinance No. 703. Council Member Dawn Kramer moved to accept the appointment. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE: Municipal Judge Terry Taylor, sent a letter stating his plans to retire effective December 31, 2006.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

WAGES: City Administrator Tim Schook put together a salary survey comprised from information that Kansas Municipal Utilities and The League of Municipalities put together every year. With insurance and wages to be decided on soon, he thought this might help the council in their decision-making. All information is drawn from towns similar in size to Washington.

Schook also included a copy of the Social Security Administrations cost of living adjustment for 2007 which was set at 3.3%.

HOLIDAYS: City Council Member Dawn Kramer moved to give city employees the day after Thanksgiving off as a holiday. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GRANT: The City received a letter from the Kansas Department of Transportation stating the city was not selected for Safe Routes to Schools funding for the fiscal year 2005-06 program.

CEMETERY: Edith Ditmars, Church of the Brethren, sent a letter to the Council on behalf of their members asking if the city is interested in annexing the Brethren/Merkey Cemetery to the present cemetery. Consideration is being made as to the future of this cemetery. No action was taken.

AMBULANCE: The City received a letter from the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services stating the City met all minimum requirements as set forth by the board upon inspection Sept. 26, 2006.

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: Mayor Travis Kier stated he spoke with City Administrator Tim Schook and the chipper truck will need replaced. The cab is literally falling off and there are some mechanical problems. According to Schook the plan is to look for an old farm truck with a frame at a cost of around \$2,000-\$5,000.

Council Member Dawn Kramer made a motion to accept City Administrator Tim Schook's proposal to reimburse him \$375 per month to provide his own vehicle for city employment. Schook will be responsible for all expenses of the vehicle. The City will reimburse Schook at the current mileage rate for mileage over 60 miles one way related to city business. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HOUSING DEMOLITION: The County has published the applications for the landfill rates concerning housing demolitions. The City must have application turned into the County by February 17, 2007. City residents interested in participating in the program must have an application turned into the City by January 31, 2007.

TEA EVENTS: Brian Sasse emailed City Administrator Tim Schook asking permission to park his RV at the former armory building and live out of it while they remodel the building into business/living quarters. Council Member Randy Wyatt stated he would like City Administrator Tim Schook to approach Sasse and let him know there are two businesses in town that provide the service.

ELECTRIC: Work continues on the EMP project through KMEA. Schook is hoping to have ballpark cost estimate by the December meeting.

SEWER: Pat Cox, BG Consultants, will discuss repairs to the sewer lift station at the December council meeting.

STREET: Council members decided not to expand the curb and gutter replacement program for the next year.

15/36 PROJECT: Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2006-11, a resolution relating to state aid for the improvement of city connecting links on the state highway system. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved to adopt a supplemental agreement for the preliminary engineering design services, CMS Contract No. 017052004 and an Agreement 67-06, covering each parties responsibilities in connection with Project No. 36-101 K-9777-01. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.