

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE JUNE 5, 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 fifth day of June, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present. Council Members Roxanne Schottel; Tom Dragastin; and Meyler Gibbs. Council Member Jon Snapp arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Absent: Mayor Travis Kier; Council Member Dawn Kramer.

Also present were City Administrator Tim Schook; City Attorney Paul Monty; City Clerk Denise Powell; Bill Hays, Washington County News; Bob Boston and Jack Barley, Washington County Historical Society; John Kern, Washington FFA; and Power Plant Superintendent Terry Morse.

Council Member Tom Dragastin moved to have Council Member Meyler Gibbs chair the meeting in the absence of Mayor Travis Kier and Council President Dawn Kramer. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Meyler Gibbs called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Xerox Copies of the minutes of the previous regular meeting of Monday, May 1, 2006; and adjourned meeting minutes of Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to approve the minutes of May 1 and May 2, 2006, as written. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Bob Boston and Jack Barley visited with the Council concerning placement of the Emmons School House on property located next to the former Happy Hour. The Council gave approval several months ago before realizing there is a conflict with Ordinance 405, which was adopted in 1947 that prohibits structures not built of stone, brick, tile, concrete, steel etc. City Attorney Paul Monty stated many other cities have ordinances which allow wooden structures if they have fire-safety sprinklers systems installed. Boston stated he thought a sprinkler system might be an option and would check into it. Council Member Gibbs asked to keep communication lines open while working on the issue.

WESTSIDE LOT: Brad and Donna Portenier, Bradford Built, visited with the Council about the former Westside lot. On motion by Council Member Roxanne Schottel that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 20 minutes for the purpose to discuss contract negotiations. From 7:20 to 7:40 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Council Member Tom Dragastin that the Council reconvenes to the regular session at 7:40 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Administrator Tim Schook said another company is interested in putting up a building on the Westside lots for a Dollar General Store. Schook asked what he should tell the developer. Council Member Jon Snapp stated to have him fill out an application, bring it before council and tell him what the Councils prior decision was.

FARMERS' MARKET: John Kern, Washington High School FFA advisor, asked for support for his students to organize a farmers' market which would run for about four weeks this summer on one side of the town square and resume briefly in the fall. Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to approve the farmers' market through the summer and fall. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried. City Administrator Tim Schook stated they would block off around the courthouse.

FREE LOT: Council Members received a letter from Brad Owen stating he would pursue other options rather than the former Major Theater lot for a building.

FIRE ORDINANCE: There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 699

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VI, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 6-302 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS, 1985, RELATING TO DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS, LOCATION.

said Ordinance No. 699 was read in full, considered and discussed, thereupon Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved for its adoption and Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Thereupon Council Member Chair Meyler Gibbs declared Ordinance No. 699 duly adopted and passed unanimously by all Council Members present, and directed the Mayor to sign said Ordinance No. 699 and publish in the Washington County News on Thursday, June 22, 2006 as provided by the Ordinance.

WELL CONTRACT: City Administrator Tim Schook stated he has not set up a meeting with Robert and Marvel Boston who have sent notice stating they would like to renegotiate the well contract.

UTILITY BILLING: The utility billing code was not ready for review, according to Tim Schook, city administrator.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION: City Attorney Paul Monty stated the City could have its own plan for residential housing but the Council should think about the cost to the city. Monty stated it would cost more than the exemption would gain. No action was taken.

ZONING: City Administrator Tim Schook stated he toned down the zoning ordinance and has given a copy to City Attorney Paul Monty for review. Schook stated he should have it ready for the Council to review next month.

SEWER: Tim Schook, city administrator, reported that he still needs to meet with engineers of BG Consultants, Inc., Manhattan. He is looking into the possibility of doing away with the underground pumps.

15/36 PROJECT: City Attorney Paul Monty said he met with John and Ruth Gaines concerning land acquisition. Gaines' will have another appraiser do an appraisal. Once the Gaines' receive the appraisal they will meet again.

Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to approve the proposal from BG Consultants, Inc., Manhattan, for engineering services West of D Street thence east to the Junction of US36/K15 Highway. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOSQUITO SPRAY: City Administrator Tim Schook stated he had not yet sought quotes for mosquito spray.

ATV CONTRACT: Council Member Tom Dragastin approved the ATV contract to present to the ATV Club. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Council Member Tom Dragastin moved to elect Meyler Gibbs as council president. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JULY 4TH: Council Member Jon Snapp moved to have free swim from 1-5 p.m. at the pool on July 4th and to donate \$100 towards the fireworks display. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: An individual has approached Council Member Jon Snapp concerning loud music coming from vehicles. Snapp inquired as what could be done as the sheriff's department says they can't do anything about the problem. The Council agreed to seek sample ordinances from other cities.

Council Member Meyler Gibbs asked about storing items for the bowling alley in the four-hole garage when we have a business in town that provides that service. City Administrator Tim Schook stated the items will be out soon.

Gibbs also commented about the horse manure on city streets.

NIMS: City employees will be attending National Incident Management System training Monday, June 12 at First National Bank. In order to receive federal funding fire, emergency service and other city employees are required to become certified. Courses are being offered around the county or it may be taken over the internet.

POOL: The swimming pool committee will meet to begin exploring options for a new pool according to Tim Schook, city administrator. The existing pool continues to have major problems, chief of which is bad concrete. Several plumbing problems are also known. Schook said cost will be several hundred thousand dollars, another reason to consider a sales tax.

PIPELINE: Trans Canada will have an open house from 4-7:30 p.m. June 19, 2006, at the First National Bank basement in Washington on the Keystone Pipeline Project. A special session for community leaders will start at 3 p.m. They will discuss project plans for an extension in their pipeline which transports crude oil from a hub near Hardisty, Alberta, Canada to markets at Wood River and Patoka, Illinois.

CURTAILMENT GAS CONTRACT: Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to approve the Municipal Curtailment Gas Contract with Kansas Municipal Energy Agency and Aquila, Inc. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WATER: Council Member Jon Snapp moved to adopt the Valve Exercise Program and the purchase of a valve turner at a cost of \$9,505 from Key Equipment Company. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE: City Administrator Tim Schook stated the ambulance service once again is facing a shortage of daytime emergency personnel.

SIDEWALK GRANT: Tim Schook, city administrator, stated that volunteers are being sought to help with labor and construction of the sidewalks.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2006-6

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

Thereupon on motion made by Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved for its adoption, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue payroll Check Numbers 2770 through 2851 and warrant Check Numbers 32968 through 33061 in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon Council Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried.

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