

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE JULY 3, 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 third day of July, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present. Council Members Roxanne Schottel, Jon Snapp, Tom Dragastin, and Meyler Gibbs.

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 Robert Ross, Washington County Historical Society; Deb Nutsch, loan clerk First National Bank of Washington; Charles Votipka, owner Longhorn Bar; Jay Langley, Clubine and Rettele; and Kathy Ouellette, Washington County Health Ministry.

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

Xerox Copies of the minutes of the previous regular meeting of Monday, June 5, 2006. Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2006. as written. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK FALL FEST: Deb Nutsch, loan clerk of First National Bank, asked the council for approval to block off C Street from First to Second Street from 6 p.m. to Midnight Saturday, September 16, 2006, for a fall fest which will include a street dance and beer garden. Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to allow First National Bank to block off C Street from First to Second Street September 16, 2006 from 6 p.m. to Midnight. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charles Votipka, owner of the Longhorn Bar requested a temporary license to operate a beer garden in conjunction with the First National Bank fall fest. Nutsch stated they have asked the Washington County Historical Society for permission to have the beer garden in a fenced in area at the former jail. If that doesn't work they would like to put a fence around the grassy area north of old city hall. Council Member Jon Snapp made a motion to direct City Attorney Paul Monty to do what it takes to make temporary licenses available for the sale of cereal malt beverage. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GOLF COURSE: Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to purchase a Cushman Turf Truckster for \$9,000 with Cedar Hills Golf Association reimbursing the purchase price. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FREE LOT: Garland Vanover, who placed an application for the free lot on east Third Street, did not show up to visit with the council.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Bob Boston and Robert Ross of the Historical Society, visited with the Council concerning placement of the Emmons School House on property located next to the former Happy Hour. Boston stated they have a gentleman who has volunteered to move the school for free. City Administrator Tim Schook stated if an exception is made to the ordinance it should be on a historic nature. Council Member Jon Snapp stated it should also say there will be no electric or heat source in the school house. City Administrator Tim Schook was to visit with City Attorney Paul Monty about preparing an exception to a city fire ordinance on the above conditions for the next Council meeting.

HEALTH MINISTRY: Kathy Ouellette of the Washington County Health Ministry asked the Council for a monetary donation to purchase pedometers to be given away at the Washington County Fair. Council Member Jon Snapp made a motion to purchase 100 pedometers to be distributed by coupon which must be redeemed at city hall. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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.

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 he met with a representative of BG Consultants, Inc., Manhattan, and John Tillman, Ray Lindsey Company, Assaria, who are working on repair options.

15/36 PROJECT: City Administrator Tim Schook stated they are still waiting on an appraisal which John and Ruth Gaines were having done pertaining to land acquisition for the 15/36 project.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Council Member Jon Snapp asked the Council to try and set up a meeting with E3 at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Snapp also asked about spraying for mosquitoes. City Administrator Tim Schook said he had just received the information and will present it at the next council meeting.

POOL: The swimming pool committee met in June to begin exploring options for a new pool according to Tim Schook, city administrator, and will meet again at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at City Hall. Council members were invited to attend.

BUDGET & AUDIT: A summary of the latest city audit and proposed 2007 budget was presented by Jay Langley of Clubine & Rettele, Chartered, the city's accountant. Langley stated the audit showed no problems with the city's finances. The Council will hold a special meeting later in July to discuss the budget.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2006-10, a Resolution of Support and Administration for the Safe Routes to Schools Project. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adopting the resolution is the first step in the federal program administered by the State of Kansas which allows for reimbursement of up to \$15,000 for an engineering study to see where sidewalks are needed. The second phase of the project allows up to \$250,000 to install the sidewalks.

RENTAL AGREEMENTS: Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to increase rental fees for old city hall and the fair building to \$50 for social events, parties, receptions, dinners, weddings, sales and dances plus a \$100 deposit, refundable after post-event inspection including placing trash in the city's dumpster. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KMU: Roxanne Schottel, council member, made a motion to approve the 2006 voluntary dues assessment for Kansas Municipal Utilities, Inc. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KANCAP: City Administrator Tim Schook stated the State of Kansas encourages all Council members to complete the KanCap program. The program is a component of the Kansas Capacity Development Program, established by the State of Kansas and is an educational tool pertaining to technical, financial and managerial decisions about water. Council Member Dawn Kramer is already certified. The Council asked that Kramer give a report about the program at the next meeting.

STREET: The Council asked City Administrator Tim Schook to apply for the KDOT Geometric Improvement or Economic Development Grants with the goal of seeking to install entrances and possible deceleration lanes at the industrial park to handle increased truck traffic.

Schook visited about creating improvement districts in order to pave the dirt roads within the City.

SRS: Council Members received a letter from Christina L'Ecuyer, Washington County Business Coordinator, about the City of Washington submitting a letter to be considered as a location for the Child Support Enforcement call/service center. The plan for the Kansas Department of Social Rehabilitation Services is to locate the facility in a rural community with sufficient electrical power and T-1 internet capabilities.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2006-7

“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 2852 through 2917 and warrant Check Numbers 33062

through 33153 in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon Council Roxanne Schottel 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.