

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 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 fifth day of September, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Council Members Jon Snapp, Tom Dragastin, Dawn Kramer and Meyler Gibbs. Mayor Travis Kier arrived at 8:12 p.m.

Absent: Roxanne Schottel.

Also present were City Administrator Tim Schook; City Attorney Paul Monty; City Clerk Denise Powell; Bill Hays, Washington County News; Terry Morse, Power Plant Superintendent; and Gene Martin, Washington.

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, August 7, 2006, were given to the Mayor and each Council member for review. Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2006, as written. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DOGS: Gene Martin, Washington, visited with the Council concerning a dog complaint he filed with the city two weeks ago. Martin asked what the next step would be since the issue has not been resolved. City Attorney Paul Monty stated he failed to file the complaint and will do so tomorrow, Wednesday, September 6, 2006. Monty also apologized for not getting the matter taken care of.

WELL CONTRACT: City Attorney Paul Monty stated Robert and Marvel Boston agreed to the Council's proposal to increase the amount the city pays for rent on the water well property to \$3,000 per year. Boston's also asked that they be notified in writing 10 days prior to the date of the five year review of the contract. Council Member Jon Snapp made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to the contract. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

ZONING: City Administrator Tim Schook stated he hadn't done anything on the Zoning Ordinance this month. He plans to get a copy of the City of Belleville's zoning ordinance and compare it to the proposed zoning ordinance

SEWER: According to Tim Schook, city administrator, the city is waiting on pricing for the three options for the city's sewer lift station from John Tillman of Ray Lindsay Company. Schook says once they get the pricing he will review it with Pat Cox, BG Consultants, Manhattan. Schook stated he hoped to have everything ready for the October meeting.

15/36 PROJECT: City Attorney Paul Monty stated he has found out from the Kansas Department of Transportation's Division of Right of Way Acquisition the City must use a certified appraiser or they will not approve. Monty also reported the engineers have changed the plans and no longer plan to use a retaining wall. The ground will be sloped instead. The Council asked that City Attorney Paul Monty and City Administrator Tim Schook hire a certified appraiser.

COLEMAN PROPERTY: City Attorney Paul Monty stated a hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, with Charles Coleman concerning enforcement of not removing inoperable vehicles from his property. City Attorney Paul Monty is also to work on a new ordinance for blighted property.

SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES: There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 702

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AND CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE WITHIN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON, KANSAS,

said Ordinance No. 702 was read in full, considered and discussed, thereupon Council Member Dawn Kramer moved for its adoption and Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Thereupon Council President Meyler Gibbs declared Ordinance No. 702 duly adopted and passed unanimously by all Council Members present,

and the Council President directed that said Ordinance No. 702 be published in the Washington County News on Thursdays, September 7 and September 14, 2006 as provided by this Ordinance.

**LIBRARY:** City Administrator Tim Schook stated he and City Attorney Paul Monty would continue to work on the Charter Ordinance to increase the mill levy for the library and have more detail for the October meeting.

**BROADBAND OVER POWERLINES:** City Administrator Tim Schook said he was trying to agree on a date to meet with representatives from USI Industrial Services, Inc., about doing a study.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to advertise for an animal control officer, seeking someone to handle the job as an independent contractor, for \$200 per month. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried. City Administrator Tim Schook is to create a job description for the position and review the ordinance revising the way owners of delinquent animals are fined.

**POOL:** Minutes from the pool committee's meeting were given to the Council.

**BEER LICENSE:** Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to approve an application from the Longhorn Bar for a temporary cereal malt beverage license to host a beer garden September 16, 2006, at 110 C Street. Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** Council Member Jon Snapp stated he was approached by Mindy Morse to see if a representative of the Council would be a judge and pick the City Council's Choice Award for the Car and Motorcycle Show September 16 in conjunction with First National Bank's Fall Fest. Council Member Meyler Gibbs moved to appoint Mayor Travis Kier as the council's representative. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL:** On motion by Council Member Tom Dragastin that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 15 minutes for the purpose to discuss personnel matters of individual non-elected personnel. Dragastin requested City Attorney Paul Monty; City Administrator Tim Schook and City Clerk Denise Powell be present. From 7:50 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Council Member Dawn Kramer that the Council reconvenes to the regular session at 8:05 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES:** Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to appoint City Administrator Tim Schook as voting delegate and City Clerk Denise Powell alternate voting delegate to represent the city in the conduct and management of the affairs of the League of Kansas Municipalities. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Schook asked if any Council Members were interested in attending the League's conference Oct. 7-10 in Topeka and stated he must have a definite answer as they would be billed for rooms once they were reserved.

**KANSAS MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY:** City Administrator Tim Schook reported he will not attend the November Council meeting due to KMEA's annual meeting being held November 6 and 7. Schook stated he and Terry Morse will attend the meeting and asked the Council if any were interested in attending so rooms may be reserved.

**ELECTRIC UTILITY:** Tim Schook, city administrator, asked for comments on an article he planned to submit to the Washington County News on how the electric grid system works in Kansas and how it affects the city and their customers. Council Member Meyler Gibbs asked to have the article toned down saying he had a hard time understanding some of the verbiage.

Schook stated he is continuing the rate study and hoped to have a preliminary report for the October meeting. He also hopes to have a plan in place for a leveled fuel adjustment so customers don't feel the large swings. Schook said he contacted KMEA to do a rate study also.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Bradford Built is moving forward with getting all their information together for the bank, USDA Rural Development and Bluestem according to Tim Schook, city administrator. Schook stated City Attorney Paul Monty has made contact with their bank and has gone as far as possible at this time.

WATER/SEWER: Tim Schook, city administrator, continues to study water and sewer rates as discussed at last month's meeting but have set the electric as priority.

EQUIPMENT: A list of equipment which will need to be replaced in the next few years was given to the Council by City Administrator Tim Schook.

CURB & GUTTER PROGRAM: Dave Willbrant, Washington County Public Works administrator, visited with City Administrator Tim Schook about including B Street in the curb and gutter program. Schook stated the cost would be approximately \$10,000 a block leaving the base and raising the curb and gutter. Schook said more funding is needed for this program. This year's curb and gutter won't happen till spring of 2007 according to Schook. Contractors are not available and it also works better for the street department to repair the asphalt.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2006-9

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

Thereupon on motion made by Council Member Gibbs moved for its adoption, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue payroll Check Numbers 2985 through 3073 and warrant Check Numbers 33234 through 33319 in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon Council Jon Snapp seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Gibbs made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.