

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE: JANUARY 2, 2007

The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Kansas, met in Regular Session in the usual meeting place in said City on Tuesday, the second day of January, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Randy Wyatt, Dawn Kramer and Roxanne Schottel. Council Member Tom Dragastin arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Absent: Council Member Meyler Gibbs.

Also present were City Administrator Tim Schook; City Attorney Paul Monty; City Clerk Denise Powell; Bill Hays, Washington County News; Mike Schuessler, Washington; Randy Tiffany, Washington.

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 4, 2006, adjourned meeting minutes of Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 27, 2006 were given to the Mayor and each Council Member for review. Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Adjourned meeting of Dec. 5, Gibbs abstained from voting on employee health insurance; commercial lot application from Schuessler and James was not presented with engineer's stamp and a proposed drawing but a concept drawing and an overview of a proposed business plan; Pat Cox visited about the City's main sewer pump station; and the State's current revolving loan with current interest at 2.4%. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2007-1

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

Thereupon on motion made by Council Dawn Kramer moved for its adoption, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue payroll Check Numbers 3283 through 3327; warrant Check Numbers 33544 through 33582; and Wires -16 through -17 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.

COMMERCIAL LOT: The Council discussed options on the commercial lot at 317 West Seventh Street. Council Member Randy Wyatt, City Administrator Tim Schook and City Attorney Paul Monty are to draw up and present at the February meeting a proposal on selling the lot with deed restrictions.

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

ZONING: City Administrator Tim Schook and City Attorney Paul Monty were to tone down the proposed ordinance and give to the Council for review. Ordinance was not ready for review.

15/36 PROJECT: City Attorney Paul Monty stated he wouldn't have another update until spring.

COLEMAN PROPERTY: City Attorney Paul Monty and City Administrator Tim Schook stated the cars have been moved on the Coleman property at 123 West Eighth Street. The Council instructed City Attorney Paul Monty to file on blighted property as per Ordinance No. 703 at the same address. The Council wanted the filing to state that if it was not cleaned up by a specified time that the city would clean up the property and assess the cost to the property owner's taxes.

LIBRARY: The Council directed City Attorney Paul Monty to prepare a Charter Ordinance to increase the mill levy from five to eight for the library fund at the October meeting. Monty did not have the ordinance ready.

BROADBAND OVER POWERLINES: City Administrator Tim Schook stated USI Industrial Services, Inc. has changed to Par Electric and he will possibly meet with them Jan. 25 or 26.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Council Member Randy Wyatt stated he would like to try for a few months having City personnel handle animal issues from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the Sheriff's office handling all

vicious animal issues. Wyatt also asked Schook to ask all City staff members if they would be interested in handling calls after hours if they were paid on a per call out basis and report at the February meeting.

POOL: Pool committee hadn't met since Nov. 17.

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

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Council Member Randy Wyatt moved to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Mayberry's. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JUDGE: The Council asked that a plaque be purchased for Honorable Judge Taylor recognizing him for his years. The plaque will be presented at the February council meeting.

RECORDS FEE SCHEDULE: Council Member Randy Wyatt moved to approve the Open Records Policy as presented. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONCEALED/CARRY WEAPONS ORDINANCE: City Attorney Paul Monty did not have the ordinance prepared.

GAAP Waiver: Council Member Dawn Kramer moved to adopt Resolution 2007-01, GAAP Waiver (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WHEREAS: The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Washington County, Kansas, finding that financial statements and financial reports prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles are not relevant to cash basis law and budget laws of Kansas and are of no significant value to that governing body or general public, request a waiver of the requirements of law relating to the preparations of financial statements and financial reports, for the year ending December 31, 2007, in accordance with provisions of K.S.A. 1982 Supp. 75-1120a © (1982 S.B. 531)

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

EMPLOYEE: City Administrator Tim Schook stated Street, Water and Sewer and Wastewater Superintendent Greg Metz is out of the hospital and recuperating at home.

EQUIPMENT: Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved to purchase a blue print cabinet with cost not to exceed \$1500 not including shipping. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOBILE PHONE: City Administrator Tim Schook stated reimbursement for his personal mobile phone should have been put on his monthly payroll but has been coming through an accounts payable check. After visiting with Kathy Bigler, Clubine and Rettele, the reimbursement can be made to Altell to eliminate a tax liability to Schook. Council Member Roxanne Schottel made a motion to pay Altell for one-half Tim Schook's personal mobile phone charge per month. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMT CLASS: Council Member Dawn Kramer moved to approve a contract with Joanne Ouellette on the proposal of responsibilities in presenting the EMT Basic initial training course. Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Travis Kier stated he spoke with Amy Kearn concerning her contract with the City upon completion of the EMT Basic course.

ELECTRIC: A tentative agreement with the Aquila/MKEC intervention through KMU as been reached according to Tim Schook, city administrator. Schook stated not all the details have been worked out but the settlement agreement sets the parameters of our agreement with MKEC/Sunflower and will form the basis for negotiation of power supply contracts and other matters. Items in the agreement are: Jeffery Energy Center capacity with potential prepayment of capacity charges; participation/partial ownership in Sunflower Holcomb East Unit; pooling capabilities (KMEA EMP #2 Project); payment of metering cost by Sunflower (with engineering and labor to be paid by the cities); real time fuel adjustment clause.

With the KCC intervention not yet settled, these benefits are not yet accomplished. Essentially there is a roadmap on how to get where we need to be.

There will be an EMP #2 meeting January 17 to move forward with negotiations.

The City was sent withdrawal paperwork from the Kansas Power Pool (KPP). Schook stated he was not sure why. Schook said he told them the City was not going to be using them for their pooling agent that the City was going with KMEA's EMP#2 project. Schook said he believes since the City wouldn't be using them they do not want the City as a member. Schook is checking into this and will have more at the February meeting.

Council Member Roxanne Schottel move to acknowledge receipt of a letter consenting to the assignment of the Agreement to Mid-Kansas by Aquila and to the assumption by Mid-Kansas of Aquila's obligations under the agreement. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: On motion by Council Member Roxanne Schottel that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 30 minutes for the purpose to discuss personnel matters of individual non-elected personnel. From 8:18 p.m. to 8:48 p.m. City Administrator Tim Schook, City Attorney Paul Monty and City Clerk Denise Powell were invited to executive session. Thereupon Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Council Member Dawn Kramer that the council reconvenes to the regular session at 8:48 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion was declared carried.

On motion by Council Member Roxanne Schottel that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes for the purpose to discuss personnel matters of individual non-elected personnel. From 8:50 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. City Administrator Tim Schook, City Attorney Paul Monty and City Clerk Denise Powell were invited to executive session. 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 9:00 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Roxanne Schottel seconded the motion. Motion was declared carried.

No action taken.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: City Attorney Paul Monty asked the Council if they wanted to allow guns on City property. The consensus was no.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Roxanne Schottel moved to adjourn. Council Member Dawn Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.