

ADJOURNED MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2007

The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Kansas, met in Adjourned Session in the usual meeting place in said City on Wednesday, the seventh day of November, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. with the following members present: Council Members Gene Martin, Randy Wyatt, Tom Dragastin and Meyler Gibbs.

Not present were Mayor Harold H. Jones Jr. and Council Member Justin Cordry.

Also present were City Administrator Tim Schook and City Clerk Denise Powell.

Council President Meyler Gibbs called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

UTILITY BILLING: Tim Schook, city administrator, stated he will wait on the rate study for sewer until we know how the sewer lift station project will be financed. Engineering is finishing up their estimate and checking out options for a Kansas Department of Health and Environment loan. If the Council chooses to go through the State of Kansas for the loan KDHE will determine the rates need to be increased. Schook said the Council might want to look at what the local banks can do on a lease purchase.

ZONING: Proposal to be discussed in January or February 2008.

15/36 PROJECT: Council members reviewed documents relative to the land acquisition. Council members asked that a meeting between the Council, John and Ruth Gaines and the contractors be set for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007.

SIRENS: "The sirens have been delivered but we are still awaiting the pole mounts," according to City Administrator Tim Schook. They will be put up before storm season. One will be placed near the lumberyard and the other near the high school.

DISASTER PLAN: A disaster plan will be developed by the spring of 2008, said Tim Schook, city administrator.

PROPERTIES: Council members tabled action on pursuing two properties located at 209 East First Street and 110 West Third Street for unpaid taxes. City Attorney Jason Brinegar stated he visited with one of the two land owners and they want to sell their property.

FRAUD POLICY: Jason Brinegar, city attorney, stated he would work on the fraud policy and have it ready to adopt at the December council meeting.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to accept the low bid from the State of Kansas for employee health insurance. Council member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Meyler Gibbs abstained from voting since he is a contracting dental provider.

PAY RATES, EVALUATIONS AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Council members will adjourn to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 to review job descriptions, employee evaluations and pay rates.

CREDIT CARD: Council Member Tom Dragastin moved to adopt Resolution 2007-08, A Corporate Resolution To Obtain Credit Card Account. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council members authorized City Clerk Denise Powell to apply for two corporate credit cards with limits of \$3,000 each through Bankers Bank of Kansas.

PARKING: There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 717

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XV, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 101 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS 1985, CREATING ADDITIONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS

said Ordinance No. 717 was read in full, considered and discussed, thereupon Council member Gene Martin moved for its adoption and Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Thereupon the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 717 duly adopted and passed unanimously by all council members present, and the Mayor directed that said Ordinance No. 717 be published in the Washington County News on Thursday, November 15, 2007, as provided by the Ordinance.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

UNIFORMS: Council Member Randy Wyatt made a motion to purchase fire rated shirts for the lineman. Council Member Gene Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING: Council Member Randy Wyatt made a motion to give employees the Friday after Thanksgiving off with pay. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: City Administrator Tim Schook said he is working with Brad Portenier about options for an expansion project. Schook stated he hoped to have Portenier come before the Council at the regular December meeting.

City Administrator Tim Schook has visited with Cynthia Gartman, President and CEO of Country Place Living, whom has expressed interest in options for bringing an assisted living facility to Washington. Schook stated he would visit with Mark Chapin to see if the Homestead Nursing Home is interested in such a facility.

ELECTRIC: Tim Schook, city administrator, gave an update on the city's purchase power. The City is currently paying \$3.00 per kilowatt for demand and which is what the city will pay for energy above the base load allocation once the contract is finalized.

Schook stated as we move forward with the operations of the EMP he plans to have KMEA start the cost study for electricity. Schook stated a workshop is planned after the first of the year and hopefully this will provide us with the information to do our own studies on a yearly basis.

B STREET PROJECT: Council members asked to invite the commissioners to the February Council meeting to discuss the B Street project, new curb, new gutter and overlay. Schook estimated \$17,000 per block for the curb and gutter.

COMPUTERS: Council Member Gene Martin made a motion to purchase a tower and four monitors and necessary software for the Power Plant from Dague Computers at a cost not to exceed \$2,833. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SNOW REMOVAL: Council Member Randy Wyatt made a motion to purchase a snow blower attachment for the Grasshopper from Bruna Implement, Washington, at a cost of \$1,995. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Gene Martin moved to adjourn to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.