

ADJOURNED MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE: MAY 9, 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 ninth day of May, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Harold H. Jones, Jr.; Council Members Tom Dragastin, Randy Wyatt and Meyler Gibbs and Gene Martin.

Absent: Council Member Justin Cordry.

Also present were City Administrator Tim Schook; City Clerk Denise Powell; City Attorney Jason Brinegar; Lance Boyd, KMEA, and Joe Herz, Sawvel & Associates..

Mayor Harold H. Jones Jr. called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

EMP #2: Lance Boyd, KMEA and Joe Herz, Swavel & Associates, gave an overview of the City's current power situation, power supply options and projected costs. The Aquila/MKEC power supply contract terminates November 2007. Approximately 99% of the City's power was purchased from Aquila in 2006. While the City generation is a valuable asset it is not a viable alternative to replace Aquila purchases. The City needs to put together their own power supply plan and find a substitute supplier to provide power. A decision will need to be made at the June Council meeting.

ON-CALL REIMBURSEMENT: City Administrator Tim Schook reported employees are unhappy with reimbursement for on-call time. Schook said they feel more than four hours should be given for being on call Monday through Sunday. Schook says this seems to be fair from a financial and business stand point however the employees want more on-call time. Council Member Randy Wyatt made a motion to give six hours of comp time per week with two additional hours per holiday. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITY-WIDE CLEANUP: City Administrator Tim Schook noted city-wide cleanup was April 25 and all went well. He said we will need to educate public so they do not put out normal household trash.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE: Tim Schook, city administrator, informed the Council the League of Municipalities Conference will be Oct. 6-9 in Overland Park. Schook asked the Mayor and Council to review their calendars to see if they can attend and let him know at the June meeting.

SIDEWALK PROJECT: The sidewalk project is near completion according to Tim Schook, city administrator. Around 150 feet more of sidewalk needs to be poured. Boy Scouts Cody Dodd installed the lighting and Colin Baker installed the signs and exercise stations for their Eagle Scout project.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: City Administrator Tim Schook told the Council he had been contacted by a realtor in town in regard to providing sewer for a possible development of housing units along East First Street. The Council discussed options and decided the realtor needs to take the proactive role in getting the sewer developed. The City could create sewer districts and assess each lot for taxes.

MILL LEVY: Tim Schook, city administrator, put together a mill levy spreadsheet comparing the City of Washington to surrounding communities. Schook stated he felt the information would be beneficial in the economic development process.

SPCC: The Council previously approved the work required to become compliant with the Spill Prevention Containment and Countermeasure (SPCC) rules by updating our plan and implementing the necessary changes which were in the area of \$12,000. The concrete work is completed at the fuel storage site for the power plant and fencing will be purchased at a cost of approximately \$2,300, according to City Administrator Tim Schook. Schook stated we would not receive an engineering stamp until the project is completed. Schook said the City was inspected by the EPA a couple of months ago and we have not heard back from them.

34.5KV STUDY: City Administrator Tim Schook stated he has not gotten any further on the 34.5 KV study for the line coming into Washington.

KMEA : Council Member Tom Dragastin nominated Council Member Gene Martin as Director 2 for the KMEA Board of Directors. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Gene Martin nominated Council Member Tom Dragastin as a voting alternate. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KMGA: Council Member Meyler Gibbs moved to nominate Gene Martin as Alternate member to KMGA. Wyatt second. Motion carried.

WAPA "B": The City has secured a little over \$7,000 for expenditures during 2006 that were put toward the intervention with the Aquila sale, engineering on the metering project and the energy efficient lighting installed around the park from Western Area Power Administration. A total of \$150,000 in funds was distributed to WAPA "B" cities who had qualifying projects. There are two types of WAPA cities "A" cities actually take their WAPA hydro allocation and the "B" cities do not, with the current changes happening in the electrical industry we are currently checking and applying to get our allocation.

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION: City Administrator Tim Schook reported there was a problem on the electric line in which Herra Machine's wind turbine is connected. He informed the Council the fire department was called along with the City crew for sparks shooting out of the conduit and going down the pole and under the road. The wire burned up and four hours was spent repairing it. At this time Schook said he was unsure what caused the problem but would keep the Council informed.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM: Tim Schook, city administrator asked the council if they had given any thought to energy efficiency programs. Council Member Randy Wyatt stated it was an excellent program and people may be sent to his office where he would inform them of the program.

SEWER: According to City Administrator Tim Schook the City is still waiting on engineering to do repairs to the main sewer lift station. Schook will contact Pat Cox with BG Consultants for a time line. If the city would lose the only pump working the City will have a mess on their hands.

INDUSTRIAL PARK ENTRANCE: Council Member Meyler Gibbs moved to adopt Resolution 2007-5. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, A RESOLUTION RELATING TO STATE AID FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY CONNECTING LINKS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

Council Member Tom Dragastin moved to adopt Code of Conduct for entrance into the City's industrial park for Project No. (K)15-101 KA-0836-01. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to approve the agreement between the City of Washington and Kansas Department of Transportation for Project No. (K)15-101 KA-0836-01. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to nominate the Mayor, City Administrator and Council Member Randy Wyatt along with the City Attorney as the committee to review request for interest from engineering firm for Project No. (K)15-101 KA-0836-01. Council Member Gene Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POWER PLANT: Upon inspection of the roof at the power plant by an insurance adjuster it was determined the roof received hail damage. Steve Tremblay of Washington Roofing stated repair cost will be \$8,453.08. The City has a \$5,000 deductible. Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to approve repairs at a maximum cost of \$5,000 by Washington Roofing plus the \$3,450 from the City's insurance carrier. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by Council Member Meyler Gibbs that the City Council go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes for the purpose to discuss non-elected personnel. From 10:12 p.m. to 10:22 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Council Member Meyler Gibbs that the Council reconvenes to the regular session at 10:22 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion was declared carried.

CHAIRS: Council Member Randy Wyatt moved to purchase chairs for the Council chambers. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Jason Brinegar, city attorney, said municipal court would be expanding and he will have more information for the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Tom Dragastin moved to adjourn. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.