WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2008

1. Call to order by Mayor.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Roll Call.

Present:	Harold H. Jones, Jr.
	Tom Dragastin
	Gene Martin
	Randy Wyatt
Absent:	Justin Cordry
	Meyler Gibbs
Staff Present:	Kurt Hassler, City Administrator
	Denise Powell, City Clerk
	Mary Leck, Electric Production Superintendent
	Elizabeth Baskerville-Hiltgen, City Attorney
Others:	Dan Thalman, Washington County News
	Derrick Bruna, Washington Rotary

3. Citizen Comments.

No citizen comments were heard.

4. Minutes & Bills.

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of Monday, August 4, 2008, as corrected to reflect item number 12 as Martin voting nay, and approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 2008-09, "An Ordinance Allowing Payment of the City's Bills and Debits" and by Dragastin and seconded by Wyatt.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin
		Gene Martin
		Randy Wyatt

Council Member Gibbs arrived at 7:05pm.

5. Chamber of Commerce Request.

Motion to decline the request to purchase decorations for this year, and approve the request to have the city install the electrical circuits for the new decorations purchased by the Chamber by Wyatt and seconded by Dragastin.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

Motion to purchase the necessary materials to install the new circuits for the new Christmas decorations purchased by the Chamber by Wyatt and seconded by Gibbs.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

6. Rotary Request.

Derrick Bruna, Rotary, discussed the Rotary's centennial project of a monument and message board to be located in the intersection of third and C Streets. Bruna handed out a proposed design for review. He stated the electronic sign would be run out of the city office and Rotary suggested charging a fee to advertise and post messages to defray cost of maintenance. Bruna asked for the City's help in removing bricks and determining the size of the overall structure. City staff will develop the necessary policies on what will be allowed to be posted along with fees and a written memorandum of understanding between the City and the Rotary Club so there will be no confusion in the future of responsibilities and/or expectations on both ends.

7. Pump Station Update.

Mr. Hassler updated the Council on progress made by BG Consultants on the proposed pump station project. He informed the Council that Pat Cox with BG Consultants stated earlier today they are working on finalizing costs of the equipment to be purchased for the project and that bids for the labor will be advertised later this week. Mr. Cox stated the project should be completed by Thanksgiving. Staff will continue to monitor the project closely to help prevent any further delays.

8. First National Bank Request.

Motion to approve the following requests from First National Bank for the annual Fall Fest celebration:

1. Block the following intersections from 6am Saturday through 6pm Saturday:
    a. West side of 2nd and Ballard.
    b. North side of 3rd and C.
    c. West side of 2nd and C.
    d. South of Post Office drive on C Street.
2. Provide electric service for 5 inflatable rides and one vendor on courthouse lawn.
3. Electrical services (220 volt) by old City Hall for vendors.
4. Block off the parking on the south and east sides of the court house at 8 a.m. Friday through 6 p.m. Saturday.
5. Load benches on trailer and park on the northeast corner of 2nd and C.

by Dragistin and seconded by Wyatt.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

9. Industrial Park Platting.

Motion to authorize Cohorst Engineering & Surveying, Inc. to prepare documents to plat the industrial park area for an amount not to exceed $2,400.00 by Wyatt and seconded by Gibbs.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

10. Power Purchase Agreement.

Motion to table the power purchase agreement resolution to a future meeting with concerns to Articles 4.03, 8.01 and 9 by Wyatt and seconded by Martin.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

11. Software Purchase.

Motion to authorize the purchase of AutoCAD LT 2009 standalone license and one year subscription for an amount not to exceed $1,145.26 from DLT Solutions, Inc. by Gibbs and seconded by Dragastin.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

12. Jon Hanson Property.

Motion to authorize the City Attorney to file paperwork in District Court to obtain the property at 223 E. 3rd from Mr. Jon Hanson for failure to fulfill contract by Dragastin and seconded by Martin.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

13. Travel Request.

Motion to authorize the City Administrator and City Clerk to attend the 2008 annual League conference in Wichita, Kansas October 12th through October 14th for an amount not to exceed $1,330.00 by Martin and seconded by Dragastin.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

14. League Voting Delegates.

Motion to appoint Kurt Hassler as the voting delegate and Denise Powell as the alternate voting delegate to the 2008 Annual League Conference by Wyatt and seconded by Gibbs.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

15. Rock Purchase.

Motion to authorize staff to purchase 100 tons of rock from Orval Jueneman Dozer Services, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $1,200.00 by Dragastin and seconded by Wyatt.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

16. Sales Tax Question.

Motion to table Resolution 2008-09 authorizing and providing for the calling of a special question election on November 4, 2008 for a 1% sales tax by Gibbs and seconded by Martin.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

17. Executive Session.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for a period of 10 minutes to include the Mayor, Council Members, and City Administrator at 8:36 p.m. by Martin and seconded by Dragastin.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

Motion to return to regular session at 8:46 p.m. by Wyatt and seconded by Gibbs.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for a period of 10 minutes to include the Mayor, Council Members, City Administrator and City Attorney at 8:47 p.m. by Gibbs and seconded by Wyatt.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

Motion to return to regular session at 8:57 p.m. by Dragastin and seconded by Wyatt.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

18. Ambulance Mileage Rate.

Motion to increase the ambulance loaded mileage rate to $11.00 per loaded mile by Gibbs and seconded by Martin.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

19. Reports:

A. Kurt Hassler:

1.) **Ambulance Mileage Rate.** Motion to increase the ambulance loaded mileage rate to $11.00 per loaded mile by Gibbs and seconded by Martin.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

2.) **Park Platting.** Mr. Hassler discussed platting of the park and visiting with the Fair Board about boundary issues.

3.) **City Picnic.** The City's annual picnic and golf tournament will be September 26. Mike Uhlrich, who retired August 29 will be honored.

4.) **Tree Limb and Brush Cleanup.** Tree limb and brush cleanup days will be October 1, 2 and 3.

5.) **Fire Department Request.** Jerry Alldredge, fire chief of RFD #9, was granted permission to hold a Chili Cook Off October 4 at the Emergency Services Building.

6.) **Old City Hall.** Mr. Hassler met with Clinton Stamm about the condition of old city hall. Stamm stated the walls are in good shape structurally according to Hassler. Hassler says the biggest hurdle will be making the building ADA compliant. Public meetings will be scheduled to discuss the community's interest on what to do with the building.

20. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Martin and seconded by Gibbs.

Vote:	Ayes:	Tom Dragastin Meyler Gibbs Gene Martin Randy Wyatt

Meeting adjourned at 9:17.

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Denise M. Powell, City Clerk