

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE: April 7, 2008

The Governing Body of the City of Washington, Kansas, met in Regular Session in the usual meeting place in said City on Monday, the seventh day of April, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Harold H. Jones Jr. Council Members Randy Wyatt, Tom Dragastin, Meyler Gibbs and Gene Martin. Councilman Justin Cordry arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Not present: None.

Also present were City Administrator Tim Schook; City Clerk Denise Powell; Libby Hiltgen, Galloway, Wiegers & Brinegar; Anthony Kuehn, Boy Scout Troop 86; Art Schottel, Washington; Jerry Gilliam, Les Gauby and Kenny Johnson, officers of the Washington County Fair Board; Barry Finlayson, Mary Leck, Tom Zabokrtsky and Greg Metz, City Superintendents; Tom Bennet and Pat Cox, BG Consultants; Mindy Kellogg, Martha Smith, Richard Jensen and Alan Rieth, all of Washington; and John Gaines, Washington.

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

Xerox copies of the minutes of the previous regular meeting of Monday, March 3, 2008, and special meeting minutes Wednesday, March 26, 2008 were given to each Council Member for review. Council Member Gene Martin moved to approve the regular meeting minutes as written. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Meyler Gibbs approved the special meeting minutes as written. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04

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

Thereupon on motion made by Council Member Gene Martin moved for its adoption, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue payroll Check Numbers 4109 through 4155; warrant Check Numbers 34886 through 34980; and Wires -51 through -52 in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried.

FAIR GROUNDS: Kenny Johnson, Jerry Gilliam and Les Gauby, officers of the Washington County Fair Board requested an interlocal agreement between the City and County to construct a 100’x150’ building to the south of the gold barn. They also stated they are planning to move the 2008 parade route to around the park and requested the pool close early to accommodate handicapped parking.

SEWER LIFT STATION: Pat Cox, BG Engineering, gave reports to each council member on the sewer lift station project. Council Member Randy Wyatt moved to approve the engineering agreement for the 2008 Wastewater Pump Station Renovation with BG Consultants, Inc. contingent upon the city attorney’s approval. Council Member Justin Cordry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15/36 & B STREET PROJECT: Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, visited with the Council on the 15/36 project, widening of intersection at industrial park and the B Street Project.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Mendy Kellogg, Alan Rieth, Martha Smith and Richard Jensen put in an application for a cereal malt beverage license for the Fourth Annual Tyler Rieth Memorial Benefit and Poker Run May 10 at the fair building.

CITY SUPERINTENDENTS: City Superintendents Barry Finlayson, Mary Leck, Tom Zabokrtsky and Greg Metz gave reports to the Council.

Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to trade in 2007 skid steer for a 2008 and add high flow hydraulics at a cost of \$3,423. Council Member Justin Cordry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Administrator Tim Schook stated \$800 will be paid out of the street department budget and \$2600 out of the special highway maintenance budget.

Street Superintendent Greg Metz was asked to get a firm bid for a spreader.

Sewer & Waste Superintendent Tom Zabokrtsky was asked to get a firm bid on relining sewer pipe. There is a section of pipe missing on Fourth Street between E and F and also on College Street.

Barry Finlayson, electric distribution superintendent, gave an update on the 15/36 project. Finlayson gave a list of tools he would like to purchase and discussed the poor condition of the digger trucks.

Council Member Justin Cordry made a motion to purchase a Burndy fire-on connector tool, anchor adapter for digger truck, JPX nicopress squeeze tool, two hand lines, four rigging blocks and two flashlights. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Leck, electric production superintendent, gave an update on EMP2.

15/36 PROJECT: John Gaines, Washington, gave an update on the movement of his home for the 15/36 project. He stated he has had a contractor back out and is looking for a new contractor. Gaines said the basement is slated to be poured in mid May. Gaines said they have found a house to rent in Greenleaf for \$400 per month with a minimum of a six month contract.

City Administrator Tim Schook stated Blue Valley & AT&T are working on moving their utilities. Attorney Libby Hiltgen stated Walther's Oil has agreed to sign deed.

ZONING: City Attorney Jason Brinegar stated he will have a zoning proposal for the October or November Council meeting.

DISASTER PLAN: The City will encompass the County's disaster plan once it is updated.

GRASS: There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 721

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING AND ADOPTING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES, FOR GASS BURNING IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

said Ordinance No. 721 was read in full, considered and discussed, thereupon Council Member Randy Wyatt moved for its adoption and Council Member Gene Martin seconded the motion. Thereupon the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 721 duly adopted and passed unanimously by all Council Members present, and the Mayor directed that said Ordinance No. 721 be published in the Washington County News on Thursday, April 10, 2008, as provided by the Ordinance.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS: Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Annual Operation and Maintenance Assurance Statement. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KMEA: Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to nominate Mary Leck to fill the unexpired term of Tim Schook as Director #1 and to appointment Council Member Gene Martin as Director #2 on the board of directors of the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Voting aye, Wyatt, Gibbs, Dragastin and Martin; nay, none.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION:

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 12

A CHARTER ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS EXEMPTING THE CITY FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1758 AND K.S.A. 12-1767, RELATING TO PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSIONS AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS THEREBY; AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

said Charter Ordinance No. 12 was read in full, considered and discussed, thereupon Council Member Randy Wyatt moved for its adoption and Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Thereupon the Mayor declared Charter Ordinance No. 12 duly adopted and passed unanimously by all Council Members present, and the Mayor directed that said Charter Ordinance No. 12 be published in the Washington County News on Thursday, April 10 and 17, 2008, as provided by the Charter Ordinance.

CITY HALL BASEMENT: City Administrator Tim Schook will contact Clinton Stamm, Stamm Masonry, about repairs to the south and east walls of City Hall.

USD 108 AFTER PROM DONATION: Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to donate \$100 to be paid out of the Special Alcohol Fund to USD 108 After Prom. Council Member Gene Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FREE LOT APPLICATION: Council members reviewed a free lot application by Jay and Dana Kern. The application didn't meet the guidelines as set forth by Resolution No. 2004-3. The Council said they would entertain an offer and consider selling the lot.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR APPLICATIONS: Council members will review the applications and set interviews.

POOL: Council members reviewed lifeguard employees, pay rates and pool admission rates for the 2008 year.

BALLPARK CONCESSIONS: Council Member Randy Wyatt approved Lori Cook's bid of 17% of the net profit for ball park concessions for the 2008 season. Council Member Gene Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HOUSING DEMOLITION PROGRAM: Two bids for housing demolition were reviewed. Council Member Tom Dragastin moved to accept the low bid of \$93 per hour from Jueneman Dozer Service, Hanover. Council Member Justin Cordry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLEAN-UP DAY: Washington County Spring Clean-up Days will be April 24-26. City Administrator Tim Schook said city employees will make one trip through town to pick up items beginning April 24.

FALL FEST: First National Bank inquired about closing off streets downtown for their Annual Fall Fest. City Administrator Tim Schook stated he advised them the middle of the road must be left open for emergency vehicle access.

INVENTORY: Electric inventory lists were given to the Council for review.

ELECTRIC: There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 722

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS,
PROCEDURES, AGREEMENTS, CHARGES AND FEES

said Ordinance No. 722 was read in full, considered and discussed, thereupon Council Member Randy Wyatt moved for its adoption and Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Thereupon the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 722 duly adopted and passed unanimously by all Council Members present, and the Mayor directed that said Ordinance No. 722 be published in the Washington County News on Thursday, April 17, 2008, as provided by the Ordinance.

KMU: City Administrator Tim Schook informed the Council that Electric Production Superintendent Mary Leck and Electric Distribution Superintendent Barry Finlayson will attend the KMU Conference May 14-16 in Wichita.

WATER: No problems with the water can be found on the West end of town, according to City Administrator Tim Schook.

LIBRARY: Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointments of Lynda Woodcock and Karen Stewart to the Library board for a term of four years. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Gene Martin moved to adjourn to 5 p.m. Monday, April 21. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.