

REGULAR MEETING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS; WASHINGTON, KANSAS; DATE: JUNE 2, 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 second day of June, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Harold H. Jones Jr.; Council Members Randy Wyatt, Tom Dragastin, Meyler Gibbs, Justin Cordry and Gene Martin.

Not present: None

Also present were City Clerk Denise Powell; Libby Hiltgen, Galloway, Wieggers & Brinegar; John Gaines, Washington; Kurt Hassler, McPherson; Tim Harlan, Greenleaf; Electric Distribution Superintendent Barry Finlayson; Street Superintendent Greg Metz; Lawrence and Cara Herra, Washington; Keith Balthazor, Washington; Tom Slagle, PIFM Power, Lincoln, KS.

President of the 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, May 5, 2008; special meeting minutes of Thursday, May 8; Wednesday, May 14; Thursday, May 15; Tuesday, May 20; Wednesday, May 21, and Wednesday, May 28, 2008, were given to each Council Member for review. Council Member Meyler Gibbs moved to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Justin Cordry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2008-06

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

Thereupon on motion made by Council Member Tom Dragastin moved for its adoption, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue payroll Check Numbers 4209 through 4272; warrant Check Numbers 35064 through 35153; and Wires -55 through -56 in payment of just bills and claims against the City and debit the appropriate fund for each expenditure. Thereupon Council Member Gene Martin seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried.

15/36 PROJECT: John Gaines reported everything to be on schedule in the movement of house. The basement is dug, poured and termite proofed.

Council Member Tom Dragastin made a move to approve a wall to be constructed by carpenters to support the kitchen at a cost of \$190. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Work will proceed with deconstruction. Gaines said Pure Energy was to disconnect the plumbing, electric, heating and air etc.

The house should be ready to move the first week of July. Gaines also visited about having the yard leveled and seeded once all construction was done.

The Council discussed the responsibility of paying bills for certain elements of the project, like buried cables rather than going overhead. The Council will find out what was agreed upon. An easement is also needed on property owned by Walther’s Oil.

ROSE GARDEN: Mary Alice Pacey stated the time has come to relinquish her duties on maintaining the rose garden in the park which she has done for the last 12-15 years. She is willing to provide fertilizer, spray and advice to someone wishing to take over the maintenance of the rose garden. Pacey said the maintenance was not hard or arduous work, but it did take time.

The Council thanked Pacey for taking care of the roses for all these years and hoped if the word got out, someone would step up and take over the project.

FARMER’S MARKET: John Kern and Tim Harlan, representing the Washington Farmer’s Market, met with the Council about the City’s business license ordinance. Kern stated he had become aware of the ordinance and its potential effects on the vendors of the market.

The ordinance states products being sold must be produced and grown in Kansas to be exempt from the ordinance. Non-qualifying vendors selling baked goods and crafts would have to pay \$4 per day.

Kern asked the Council to waive the ordinance for this Farmer’s Market which runs June 21 through October 31 or give it an exemption of some type. The market is sponsored by the Washington County FFA.

Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to exempt the Farmer’s Market from purchasing business license for the 2008 year. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Council will look into revising the business license ordinance.

SIRENS/RADIOS: Council Member Justin Cordry in the absence of 911 Communication Director Sheila Ouellette, spoke about the ongoing problems with the city's siren system. Cordry stated he recently sat in on a conference with Ouellette and KaComm. The problem is the paging system at the 911 Communications office is a federal signal tones. When the City purchased the new sirens from Haug Communications the paging system wasn't taken into consideration. The new sirens were purchased with Motorola tones therefore were not compatible with the system. The easiest fix according to Cordry was to change the tones at the 911 Communications office from Federal to Motorola. Other problems still remain. Some of the sirens don't have external antennas and a new controller had to be placed in the one at the City park. Council members asked that KaComm be contacted to do a total evaluation of the City's sirens and radio system.

Ouellette is asking for reimbursement of \$283 bill from KaComm to reprogram the base console radio to the Motorola tones.

A City employee initiated a call through KaComm without Ouellette's approval for an EMS paging problem which was found to be on the base unit at the Washington County Hospital. Ouellette will be asking for reimbursement for that bill also.

Cordry said that City employee radios are now programmed with ambulance, sheriff and fire frequencies. City employees need to be made aware that they are not allowed to talk on those channels, only listen. There have been some problems in the past.

ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION: Lawrence and Cara Herra, Keith Balthazor and Tom Slagle, PIFM Power, Lincoln, visited with the Council about their opposition to the \$500 fee as part of the electrical interconnection ordinance. Slagle stated governments are encouraged to support renewable energy without delay tactics such as excessive fees. Rural electric charge \$100 to facilitate the paperwork and do an inspection according to Slagle. Slagle said in his opinion the only thing the City needs to be concerned with is the manual disconnect and lockout.

Council Member Randy Wyatt stated this is all new and the City is not against renewable types of energy. It is unknown what the cost will be to the City.

Slagle asked the City to reduce the application fee and consider fewer regulations for 10kw and under for alternative energy sources.

As per ordinance both parties will have to submit the application and fee. The Council will consider revision of the ordinance.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS: Electric Distribution Superintendent Barry Finlayson stated his department employees failed to locate the City's electric utility and dug up Vernon Tegethoff's underground. Finlayson stated the Tegethoff's disconnect failed. Finlayson asked the Council who should pay for the disconnect. Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion that the City pay for the 200 amp disconnect at a cost of \$159.44. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finlayson asked the Council who will be installing the secondary to the Gaines and Tegethoff houses for the 15/36 project. The Council stated the policy would be the same as the past with the property owner paying for the materials and the City doing the labor. Trenching the underground was also discussed. If the budget allows, the trenching can be contracted out according to the Council.

Finlayson said he learned at the KMU conference the City will be required to have an Arc flash study as of January 2009. Finlayson will do more research.

Finlayson asked the Council to hire Osmose for pole inspection program. The cost would run \$10-\$50 per pole.

The City of Clay Center is no longer a member of KMEA according to Finlayson. If the City of Washington were to use them for mutual aid it would not be reimbursable through FEMA unless a mutual aid agreement is in place. Finlayson will pursue an agreement.

Finlayson was recently appointed alternate coordinator for the mutual aid program through Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA). The Council granted Finlayson permission to attend the mutual aid luncheon July 9 in Lincoln.

Finlayson and Street Superintendent Greg Metz will make a trip to Kansas City to look at digger trucks at Par Electric.

Street Superintendent Greg Metz visited with the Council about the minimum wage increase, \$5.85 to \$6.55, which takes affect July 24, 2008.

Council Member Randy Wyatt made a motion to purchase a Milwaukee hammer drill at a cost of \$139 from Washington Lumber Company. Council Member Justin Cordry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Metz reported that summer help Erik Zabokrtsky was injured in a non-work related accident. He had been off work a couple weeks but was hoping to be released to return June 4.

KSDS sewer has been repaired according to Metz.

Council Member Justin Cordry made a motion to approve the purchase of a flat screen computer monitor at a cost of \$259 from Dague Computers for the Power Plant. Council Member Gene Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREES: A letter from Bill Mallean concerning the improper planting of street trees was discussed. Street Superintendent Greg Metz is to visit with Mallean and ask him to move the trees to another location on his property.

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

SEWER: Council Member Justin Cordry moved to accept the bid from Utility Maintenance Contractors for relining and camera of sewer lines. Council Member Gene Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

B STREET PROJECT: The Council will set a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss the B Street project.

COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Council Member Randy Wyatt moved to adopt Resolution 2008-5. Council Member Gene Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, RESOLUTION 2008-5, A RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS, CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT BY THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE OF A NEW STATE-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.

POOL: Council Member Justin Cordry moved to adopt resolution 2008-6. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, RESOLUTION 2008-6, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING A ONE AND TWO-TENTHS PERCENT (1.20%) CITY-WIDE SALES TAX FOR GENERAL PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID SPECIAL ELECTION.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS: Council Member Tom Dragastin made a motion to appoint Meyler Gibbs council president. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Randy Wyatt made a motion to appoint Kurt Hassler to the Washington County Solid Waste Management Committee. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Randy Wyatt made a motion to appoint Kurt Hassler as an alternate member to the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Board of Directors. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Harold H. Jones Jr. read his recommended appointments. Council Member Meyler Gibbs made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointments. Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITY OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
WASHINGTON, KANSAS

Appointments recommended by the Mayor, Harold H. Jones Jr., Regular meeting, June 2, 2008

Approved at the June 2, 2008, City Council Meeting

Elect president of the City Council: Meyler Gibbs

Two Year Term 05-01-07 through 04-30-09

Utilities, Electric, Water, Sewer & Sewer Disposal
Streets, Alleys & Storm Sewers
Library, Parks & Rec. & Island C
Swimming Pool, City Hall & Friendly Corners
Ambulance, Fire, Cemetery

Gene Martin
Tom Dragastin
Meyler Gibbs
Justin Cordry
Randy Wyatt

One Year Term

City Administrator
City Attorney
City Clerk
City Treasurer
Municipal Judge
Cemetery Sexton
Fire Department Chief
Fire Department Assistant Chief
Civil Defense Coordinator
Fair Board Coordinator
Municipal Golf Course Coordinator
Official City Newspaper
Official City Depository

Kurt Hassler (Effective June 23, 2008)
Galloway, Wieggers & Brinegar, P.A.
Denise Powell
Colleen Hillyer
Paul L. Monty
Greg Metz
Mike Hattesoehl
Jeff Welch
Mike Hattesoehl
Gene Martin
Meyler Gibbs
Washington County News
First National Bank & United Bank & Trust

Standard Hearing Officer (Term indefinite until someone new appointed by Mayor)

Standard Hearing Officer

Jim Dodds

Public Building Officer (Is the City building inspector which is the City Administrator per Chapter 4 Article 2 Section 204 of the code of the City of Washington, Kansas)

Library Board 4 Year Term (7 Members)(May only serve 2 consecutive terms-then after a 2 year lapse may serve again.)

Blanche Graham 05-01-06 through 04-30-09

Filled unexpired term of Karen Wells from 2006-2009

Beverly Finlayson 05-03-05 through 04-30-09

2nd Term

Mary Leck 05-04-98 through 04-30-10

2nd Term

Filled unexpired term of Bill Hays from 1998-2002

Jim McBeath 05-04-00 through 04-30-10

2nd Term

Filled unexpired term of Pauline Wells from 2000-2002

Dale Bond 09-07 through 4-30-11

Bond filling unexpired term of Beverly Nichols 9-07

Lynda Woodcock 05-01-08 through 04-30-12

1st Term

Karen Stewart 05-01-08 through 04-30-12

1st Term

Housing Authority Appointment 4 Year Term

Amy Anderson 04-01-05 through 03-31-09

Initial appointment 05-07-01

JoAnn Mills 04-01-06 through 03-31-10

Initial appointment 05-04-98

Jeanette Stamm 04-01-06 through 03-31-10

Initial appointment 05-04-98

Jim McBeath 04-01-07 through 03-31-11

Initial appointment 5-01-99

Pat Linenberger 04-01-08 through 03-31-12

Initial appointment 05-06-00

Tree Board Three Year Term (5 Members)

Barry Finlayson 05-01-08 through 04-30-11

Appointed 05-01-08

Amy Anderson 05-01-08 through 04-30-11

Appointed 05-01-08

Mary Leck 05-01-07 through 04-30-10

Appointed 05-07-07

Greg Metz 05-01-07 through 04-30-10

Appointed 05-03-04

Ron Scott 05-01-07 through 04-30-10

Appointed 05-04-98

Planning Commission Three Year Term

Seven members within City Limits and 2 members outside the City within 3 mile limit

Mark Chapin	5-1-08 through 04-30-11	Outside City Member	Appointed (2005)
Tom Dragastin	5-1-08 through 04-30-11		Appointed (1999)
Tim Matlack	5-1-06 through 04-30-09		Appointed (2008)
<i>Fulfilling the unexpired term of John George (as of May 2008)</i>			
Wiley Alexander	5-1-06 through 04-30-09		Appointed (2006)
Jim Kier	5-1-06 through 04-30-09	Outside City Member	Appointed (2006)
Brad Owen	5-1-06 through 04-30-09		Appointed (2003)
Mike Kongs	5-1-06 through 04-30-09		Appointed (2003)
Mark Johnson	5-1-06 through 04-30-09		Appointed (2003)
Justin Cordry	5-1-07 through 04-30-10		Appointed (2007)

Golf Course Advisory Board (10 Members) Three Year Terms

One member will be a city council member (One Year Term)

Lynn Schneider, Treasurer	11-1-05 through 10-31-08
Jeff Brabec	11-1-05 through 10-31-08
Andy Goeckel, Secretary	11-1-05 through 10-31-08
Russ Slater	11-1-06 through 10-31-09
Karl Tiemeyer, President	11-1-06 through 10-31-09
Dana Cecrle	11-1-06 through 10-31-09
Ryan Hockett	11-1-07 through 10-31-10
Mark Chapin	11-1-07 through 10-31-10
Andy Bruna, Vice President	11-1-07 through 10-31-10

Washington County Solid Waste Management Committee

City of Washington Representative-Permanent Position

Kurt Hassler, City Administrator (Effective June 23, 2008)

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Board Two Year Term

Mary Leck, Director 1	05-01-08 through 04-30-09	(Fill unexpired Term of Schook (07-09))
Gene Martin, Director 2	05-09-09 through 04-30-10	
Kurt Hassler, Alternate	06-23-08 through 04-30-10	

Kansas Municipal Gas Association Two Year Term

Mary Leck, (Fill unexpired term of Tim Schook) Expires 08-31-09

Gene Martin, Alternate Member 05-09-07 through 08-31-08

Public Building Commission (as provided by City Ordinance No. 723)

(Four members and one member shall be a member of the governing body of the City)

One City Council Member	Randy Wyatt	
One City at Large Member	Lila Keesecker	05-01-08 through 04-30-10
One City at Large Member	Shirley Marrs	05-01-08 through 04-30-10
One City at Large Member	Jerry Scheve	05-01-08 through 04-30-10

City Recreation Board 3 Year Term (3 Members)

Roberta Alexander	05-04-06 through 04-30-09	(1998)
Pat Linenberger	05-01-06 through 04-30-09	(2006)
Caroline Yungeberg	05-01-06 through 04-30-09	(2003)

FEMA: We received the final payment from FEMA for debris cleanup of \$21,232.88 which was put in the Capital Projects fund.

INSURANCE: Dick Powell, of Kastl-Powell Agency, delivered a dividend check in the amount of \$18,656.79 which was put in the Capital Projects Fund.

BRADFORD BUILT: Brad Portenier will be selling the former Kuhlman building. With his new addition at the industrial park he will no longer have a need for that building and wanted to give the City first option to buy. The Council appreciates the offer but are not interested in purchasing it back.

U.S. 36: Mayor Harold H. Jones Jr. at the request of Gloria Moore, Washington County tourism director, will give the welcome at the U.S. 36 Annual Meeting June 6 at First National Bank.

KMEA: Council Member Justin Cordry moved to authorize automatic withdrawal for the KMEA Emergency Management Project No. 2 monthly bill. Council Member Tom Dragastin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WASHINGTON COUNTY: The City was notified by Washington County that 2009 budget request were due by June 15. Council Member Meyler Gibbs was to work with other ambulance services in the County on a proposal.

KDOT: Council members tabled authorization of the Connecting Link Maintenance Agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Council Member Justin Cordry stated the sign east of Washington Motel on property owned by KSDS is need of repair. City Clerk Denise Powell was to find out if the sign was owned by the city or fair board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by Council Member Justin Cordry that the City Council goes into executive session for approximately 10 minutes for matters relating to city security measures. From 10:30 p.m. to 10:40 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Thereupon the motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Council Member Gene Marin that the Council reconvenes to the regular session at 10:40 p.m. Thereupon Council Member Randy Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion was declared carried.

CMB: Council Member Gene Martin moved to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Kenny Johnson. Council Member Meyler Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Randy Wyatt moved to adjourn. Council Member Justin Cordry seconded the motion. Motion carried.