

**WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – City Hall**  
**April 7, 2025**

**1. Call to order by Mayor Garrett Edgar.**

**2. Roll Call.**

Present:                Garrett Edgar, Mayor  
                             Amy Anderson, Council Member  
                             Mary Ann Crome, Council Member  
                             Jerry Fuhrken, Council Member  
                             Terry Morse, Council Member  
                             Carolyn Pinnick, Council Member

Absent:

Staff Present:        Carl Chalfant, City Administrator  
                             Denise Powell, City Clerk

Others:                Don/Alex Alldredge, Washington Fireworks, Inc.  
                             Taylor Miller, Washington  
                             Kelly Gillespie, Networks Plus  
                             Nick Hernandez, Networks Plus  
                             Tyler Fahrnbruch, Americom Communications  
                             Shannon Rothchild, Nex-Tech  
                             Cynthia Scheer, Washington County News  
                             Jason, Kelsie, Brecklyn, Braeley and Brittyn Beikmann, Washington

**3. Approval of Agenda.**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote:    Ayes:    Amy Anderson  
                     Mary Ann Crome  
                     Jerry Fuhrken  
                     Terry Morse  
                     Carolyn Pinnick

**4. Citizens Comments.**

Jason, Kelsie, Brecklyn, Braeley & Brittyn Beikmann asked the Council to consider allowing chickens in town. Beikmann's lived in Greenleaf for 10 years and provided a copy of the Greenleaf's rules and regulations.

Mayor Garrett Edgar said the Council will discuss but won't have an answer tonight.

**5. Minutes.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2025, and special meeting minutes of March 27, 2025 by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote:    Ayes:    Amy Anderson  
                     Mary Ann Crome  
                     Jerry Fuhrken  
                     Terry Morse  
                     Carolyn Pinnick

**6. Appropriations Ordinance 2025-04.**

Motion to approve appropriations ordinance 2025-04 by Crome and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**7. Washington Fireworks, Inc. request.**

Motion to donate \$1,200 to Washington Fireworks, Inc. for the 2025 Fireworks display to be paid out of the water fund by Pinnick and seconded by Fuhrken.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

“The town appreciates what you do”, said Garrett Edgar.

**8. July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee/Pickleball Club request.**

Motion to approve Taylor Miller’s request for a Loud Speaker/Sound Amplifier Permit July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> for the Fourth of July activities at the park as presented by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Motion to allow Pickleball Club to reserve the pickleball courts for Club nights July 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25 and block off FNB Parkview Lane for kids in daycare at the park by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Pickleball Club will have a free family night July 28<sup>th</sup> and Club nights start July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Phone System bid.**

Phone system bids were reviewed with no action taken. The Council wanted more time to review the bids and visit with staff.

Tyler Fahrnbruck, Americom; Kelly Gillespie, Networks Plus; and Shannon Rothchild, Nex-Tech, were present to discuss their phone system bids including equipment and offered services.

**10. Computer Bids.**

Computer bids were reviewed with no action taken. Council wanted more time to review the bids and visit with staff.

Nick Hernandez, Networks Plus, and Shannon Rothchild, Next-Tech, were present to discuss their bids.

Nick Hernandez, Kelly Gillepse, and Shannon Rothchild left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Tyler Fahrnbruch, Americom Communications, left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**11. Mowing Bids.**

Motion to accept the bid of Monte Hockett at a cost of \$3,000 per mowing for the cemetery as outlined in the cemetery mowing services agreement by Anderson seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Nays: Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

No action was taken on mowing bids for the ball diamond, campground, pool and park.

**12. Cold Mix Bids.**

Motion to accept the bid from Hall Brothers for 500 tons cold mix at \$98.58/ton to be paid out of the special highway fund by Crome seconded by Pinnick.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**13. USD 108 Request.**

Motion to approve Street Use Permit as presented for USD 108 Promenade contingent upon receipt of current certificate of insurance by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**14. Washington County Saddle Club.**

Motion to approve the Loudspeaker/Sound Amplifier Permit for the Washington County Saddle Club on June 13 and 14, 2025, for a live band from 6 p.m. to Midnight by the horse stalls and arena by Crome and seconded by Pinnick.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage Special Event Permit for Larry Lovgren from 3 p.m. to midnight, Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Washington Fairgrounds arena and horse stalls by Crome and seconded by Pinnick.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**15. Code of Ethics/Purchasing Policy Updates.**

Motion to approve the Code of Ethics to provide violation of any of these codes could result in the strongest penalty allowed by law by Pinnick seconded by Fuhrken.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Motion to approve updated purchasing policy to provide for an RFP/RFQ Process for Competitive Negotiations for professional and personal services by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

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Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**17. Resignation.**

Motion to accept the resignation of The Honorable Judge Paul Monty as Municipal Judge effective April 30, 2025, by Crome seconded by Pinnick.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

**18. East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project.**

CES Group notified staff the East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project bid classified ad was placed in the Washington County News for March 20, March 27, and April 3. Emails of the advertisement were also sent to potential contractors and plan room sites and placed on the City's website and Facebook page.

Bid opening will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at City Hall, and CES will make a recommendation at the May 5 council meeting.

## 19. Executive Session.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss employee performance for non-elected personnel to include the Mayor, Council, and City Administrator, to resume in Council chambers at 9:20 p.m. by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss employee performance for non-elected personnel to include the Mayor, Council, and City Administrator, to resume in Council chambers at 9:30 p.m. by Pinnick and seconded by Fuhrken.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

## 20. City Administrator Report.

- a) **City Wide Cleanup.** City wide cleanup is scheduled to begin May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to coincide with Washington County landfill free dump days May 1-3. Staff will make one pass through town.
- b) **Playground.** The playground committee met with engineers on March 31 to begin the design process. Riley Silsby and Deb Ohlde, NCRPC, have submitted the paperwork for the environmental review. Staff received notification that the city was not awarded the KDHE surfacing grant, and plan to reapply this fall.
- c) **Pool Employees.** City is still short two lifeguards for the pool. This may affect hours of operation if no other applicants are hired.
- d) **Cold Mix.** Staff talked with Jake Lauer, Hall Brothers, Thursday, April 3, 2025, who stated they hope to be making cold mix by Friday, April 4, 2025. If so, they will deliver as it is made.
- e) **Irrigation/Seeding.** Staff made contact with Ben Bird, Blue Valley Irrigation, and still has not received a start date for them to perform the work where the storm sewer was installed.
- f) **Downtown Beautification.** Staff is working on a downtown beautification project with other organizations around town. No action was taken by the Council for staff to work on a weekend.
- g) **Rotary Club Letter.** City received a copy of a letter from the Rotary Club they sent to the Washington Ball Association asking them to no longer use the Rotary's tax exemption and to obtain their own tax number or use another tax exemption. Rotary will continue to support them through volunteer work and financial donations for various projects. Mayor Edgar stated "the Washington Ball Association bylaws were never approved and nobody knows who is responsible for what." "Things could work a lot smoother if everyone knows their duties", said Chalfant.

## 21. City Clerk's Report.

- a) **Kansas Gas Service.** Staff has been working with Barry Finlayson and Kansas Gas accounting department on the power plant natural gas bill as the City has had incorrect bills or no bills since November 2024. The

error occurred when the City went from purchasing natural gas from Kansas Municipal Gas Agency to Kansas Gas Service.

- b) Election.** The city will have three council positions up for election in 2025. Those seats are currently held by Jerry Fuhrken, Terry Morse and Carolyn Pinnick and expire the Sunday before the second Monday in January. Candidates seeking office must file by noon on June 3, 2025, at the County Clerk's office at the Washington County Courthouse. The candidate must file a nomination petition signed by 10 qualified electors of the City of Washington or pay a \$20 filing fee.
- c) Reports.**  
Fire minutes and Library Board minutes for March; and Washington County Senior Citizens Meal Site accounting for February were given to the Council for review.

#### **Council Reports.**

##### **Carolyn Pinnick.**

- a) Sirens.** Inquired if the city's storm sirens worked. City Administrator Chalfant stated all were working.

##### **Mary Ann Crome.**

- a) Streets.** Discussed filling potholes. City Administrator Chalfant said staff has tackled quite a few streets.
- b) Code Violations.** Inquired where staff was at with code violations at 321 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street and also stated staff needs to address violations at 117 E 1<sup>st</sup> as there are over 11 vehicles in the yard.
- c) Obstruction of Traffic.** Received complaints about obstruction of traffic at the northeast corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & C Street.

##### **Garett Edgar.**

- a) Volunteer.** The Mayor said there is a lot going on in the city and asked the Council to get out and volunteer.

Motion to adjourn to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2025, by Crome and seconded by Anderson.

Vote: Ayes: Amy Anderson  
Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Carolyn Pinnick

Adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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**Denise M. Powell, City Clerk**