

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Adjourned Meeting – City Hall
5 p.m., April 16, 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
 Caroline Scoville, Full-time EMT

Others: Cynthia Scheer, Washington County News
 Kelly Gillespie, Networks Plus
 Nick Hernandez, Networks Plus
 Ryan Kern, Washington County Economic Development

3. Approval of Agenda.

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

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

4. Citizens Comments.

None.

5. Insurance Dividend.

Justin Dragastin, The Dragastin Agency, informed the Council the City received \$13,793.30 through this year's KMU Safety Dividend program. The dividend is calculated on the group's overall loss experience and is a percentage of the premiums paid. It's comprehensive safety and loss control program helps participants minimize risks and potentially reduce insurance cost.

6. Ryan Kern request.

Motion to have a free swim Wednesday, June 11th in conjunction with Bike Across Kansas by Pinnick and seconded by Crome.

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

No action was taken on a request from Ryan Kern, Washington County Economic Development, for a Street Use Permit to block off C Street from 4th Street to College Street from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 11th in conjunction with Bike Across Kansas. The Council will revisit the issue at the May 5th Council meeting.

7. Phone System bid.

Motion to approve the bid of Networks Plus for phones/phone system at \$25 per line with voicemail, \$20 without voice mail and \$10 for fax line for 36 months with City Administrator Carl Chalfant waiving the bid deadline per the purchasing policy as referenced under late bids by Pinnick seconded by Crome.

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

Full-time EMT Caroline Scoville was present to discuss the bids with the Council. Council Member Amy Anderson questioned the late bid of Networks Plus. A call was made to City Attorney Elizabeth Baskerville-Hiltgen who said the City's purchasing policy addressed late bids and the city administrator may waive a late bid. City Administrator Chalfant stated he would waive the late bid.

8. Computer Bids.

Motion to approve the bid of Networks Plus for three laptop computers at \$1,334 each and one desktop computer at \$1,231 and three docking stations at \$182 to be paid out of the equipment reserve fund with city administrator waiving the bid deadline per the purchasing policy as referenced under late bids by Pinnick seconded by Morse.

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

Networks plus bid three Dell Latitudes 3550 laptop computers, three Dell docks WS19S and one Dell OptiPlex Small Form Factor Plus 7020 desktop computer.

9. Chickens.

Allowing chickens into the city limits was discussed following a request at the April 7th Council meeting by Jason, Kelsie, Brecklyn, Braeley & Brittny Beikmann.

Copies of the Greenleaf, Hanover and Marysville chicken ordinances were given to the Council for review.

Mayor Edgar stated, "if this is something the Council wishes to consider, you will need to decide on the rules and regulations and have the city attorney draft an ordinance."

Consensus was to allow time for the Council to talk with more people and discuss the issue at the May council meeting.

10. Pool employee.

Motion to hire Adelyn Oakes as a 2025 lifeguard at a rate of \$9.00 per hour by Pinnick seconded by Crome.

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

Motion to adjourn by Pinnick and seconded by Morse.

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

Adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Denise M. Powell, City Clerk