

**WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Adjourned Meeting – City Hall**  
**October 23, 2023**

**1. Call to order by Mayor Ryan Kern.**

**2. Roll Call.**

Present: Ryan Kern, Mayor  
Mary Ann Crome, Council Member  
Jerry Fuhrken, Council Member  
Terry Morse, Council Member  
Roxanne Schottel, Council Member

Absent: Carolyn Pinnick, Council Member

Staff Present: Carl Chalfant, City Administrator  
Denise Powell, City Clerk  
Caroline Scoville, Fulltime EMT

Others: Andrea Alldredge, Playground Committee Member  
Taylor Miller, Playground Committee Member  
Stephanie Kern, Playground Committee Member  
Claire Lahodny, Playground Committee Member  
Traci Stigge, Playground Committee Member  
Teryl Goeckel, Washington  
Caitlin Placek, Morrowville  
Laramie Jueneman, Washington  
Cliff Stewart, Washington  
Mike Uhlrich, Washington  
Cynthia Scheer, Washington County News

**3. Street Repair Bids.**

Motion to accept the bid from Asphalt Specialists in the amount of \$92,000 for approximately 2,517 square yards of milling and patching asphalt by Schottel and seconded by Crome.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Roxanne Schottel

Consensus of the Council was to allow City Administrator Carl Chalfant to use some of the budgeted general fund money earmarked for MC 800 and cold mix that won't be purchased this year and sales tax money to complete more street repair if he is satisfied with the contractor's work.

**4. Playground Committee Request.**

The playground committee asked the Council to meet with them to inspect Munchkinland Playground. Taylor Miller, playground committee member, stated the committee reached out to local contractors to do an assessment of the playground. Contractors were given a copy of the 2021 assessment performed by Leather's and Associates which showed that cost of repairs could be done for \$55,000.

The committee heard back from two local contractors. According to Miller, both stated posts supporting the main structure shows rot and they need to be replaced by skilled workers with the right equipment and once you start replacing where would you start and stop.

A new playground today comparable to the current structure would cost around \$500,000. The Council has earmarked \$100,000 from the Larry Davison bequest for the playground. The committee expressed concern in

raising the other \$400,000. The Playground Committee has contacted other playground companies and are getting quotes. The Park Committee is waiting on clear direction from the Council on how they want them to move forward. A firm plan and playground design are needed to begin fundraising, said Committee Member Stephaie Kern.

Teryl Goeckel told those present that she has written some successful grants and she would volunteer to write playground grants for free for the project if the city was interested.

The consensus of the Council was that they will provide further direction after the November Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Schottel and seconded by Fuhrken.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Ann Crome  
Jerry Fuhrken  
Terry Morse  
Roxanne Schottel

Adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

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**Denise M. Powell, City Clerk**