
Minutes
Workshop Meeting
March 10, 2015

Present: Mayor Kenneth F. Neilson, Councilmen Garth Nisson, Thad Seegmiller, Ronald Truman, Jeff Turek, City Manager Roger Carter, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, City Recorder Danice Bulloch, Deputy Recorder Tara Pentz, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Administrative Service Manager Kimberly Ruesch, Police Chief Jim Keith, Fire Chief Brent Hafen, Audience: John Stiedaman

Excused: Councilman Kress Staheli

Meeting commenced at 6:00 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Councilman Truman made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Turek seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Seegmiller</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Truman</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Turek</i>	<i>Aye</i>

2. Review of the board audit report.

Council members did not have any questions on the board audit report.

3. Discussion and review of Washington City Resolution 2007-17 encouraging Smoke Free Public Parks, City owned Cemeteries, and near mass gatherings.

Councilman Turek stated he is not in a position to place on a fine on smoking. Therefore, he would not be interested in changing the Resolution at this time.

Councilman Seegmiller agreed he is not at the point he would be interested in making it a finable offense.

City Manager Roger Carter stated there are signs stating no alcohol permitted in the park. If

Council would be interested, smoking could be added to those signs.

Mayor Neilson asked for Staff to look into signage as they have discussed.

City Manager Carter asked if there have been any calls to respond to smokers in the park.

Police Chief Jim Keith stated his not aware of any calls. However, he would suggested placing signage, so if there were a complaint due to smoking, it could be suggested to the individual to move to a different area. We are fortunate in this area, we do not have the level of issues in other States. In most cases, signage indicating no smoking would deter many if not all individuals.

City Manager Carter asked Police Chief Keith to work on language for signage.

4. Discussion and review of Special Assessment Area in the Green Springs area for Power. City Manager Roger Carter

Councilman Seegmiller explained he has been interested in trying to find a way to bury the transmission line in the Green Spring Area. The best way to fund this would be to propose a Special Assessment Area.

City Manager Carter stated before this would even go out for a vote, they would distribute a waiver of protest to the residents. If there is a majority, who would be willing to waive their vote, they would be able to move forward.

Councilman Seegmiller commented the challenge would be to get the individuals to commit to an assessment. He reviewed a map with Council showing the area, which would be buried, and the residents to be affected. Based on the information provided, the cost would be approximately \$800 per year, for 20 years.

Council discussed holding a meeting with the residents, to see if they would be interested.

City Manager Carter stated he could speak with Michael Anderson, who has been the direct contact with the individuals in the area. He would definitely get the word out to the affected individuals. They may not be interested at all, once they find out the cost.

Councilman Turek stated he is willing to allow the residents who are directly affected determine if they are interested in paying the additional costs for burying the lines. However, he does not feel the City should be responsible for any of the additional costs.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward by contacting the representative of the group to see if the majority of the landowners would be willing to accept a special assessment to their properties.

5. Update on the Washington City/Hurricane Valley Fire Station.

Fire Chief Brent Hafen reviewed the progress on the Washington City/Hurricane Valley Fire Station. In order to bring the ISO Rating down, they have temporarily placed an engine at the Power Generation Plant. However, it is not something the Power Department is interested in housing long term. Hurricane would be interested in manning a station in this area, in order to get their rating down due to the commercial and industrial areas. He reviewed some of the items he has been working on with Hurricane as well as having discussions with other adjacent areas.

Councilman Turek asked how much time is being saved by having an engine parked at the Power Generation Plant.

Fire Chief Hafen stated the engine parked there does not save any time at all. However, if we keep our ISO Rating down, it helps the citizens overall. There are standards, which have to be met, but do not have to be manned.

City Manager Roger Carter reviewed the proposed station site with Council, which would be shared with Hurricane. This is an excellent location for both areas, but Hurricane has the money, and want to get started now. Washington City needs to get a Fire Engine as soon as possible, so we need to look at other possibilities, as we will not be able to pay for a new station at this time.

Fire Chief Hafen stated he would recommend the partnership station longer term. However, Washington City is not prepared at this time. He will be meeting with the Hurricane Fire Chief to go over some different options.

6. Discussion and review of proposed 2014/15 Budget Opening. Kimberly

Administrative Services Manager Kimberly Ruesch reviewed the 2014/15 Budget Opening with Council.

*see attached

Councilman Truman asked when we would be able to see the savings we have accumulated since participating in the Siemens Project.

City Manager Carter stated the audit will be held in June to determine the saving.

Administrative Service Manager Ruesch completed her review of the 2014/2015 budget opening.

7. Adjournment

Councilman Seegmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Nisson seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Seegmiller</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Truman</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Turek</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Passed and approved this 25th day of March 2015.

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Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor

Attest by:

[Handwritten signature: Danice B. Bulloch]

Danice B. Bulloch, CMC
City Recorder