

The Washington City Council met in a continued session on Monday, May 21, 2007 at the Municipal Building at 4:30 p.m. Present were: Judy Jennette, Mayor; Darwin Woolard, Mayor Pro tem; Richard Brooks, Councilman; Archie Jennings, Councilman; Mickey Gahagan, Councilman; Ed Gibson, Councilman; James Smith, City Manager; and Rita A. Thompson, City Clerk.

Also present were: Carol Williams, Finance Director; Allen Lewis, Public Works Director; Philip Mobley, Parks & Recreation Director; Gerald Galloway, Interim Police Chief; Lynn Lewis, Tourism Director; Keith Hardt, Electric Director; and Mike Voss, of the Washington Daily News.

Mayor Jennette called the meeting to order and Councilman Gibson delivered the invocation.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Washington Tourism Development & Civic Center

A list of projects for FY 2007-2008 was passed out, prioritizing the projects:

Repair of windows and doors	\$ 6,800
Re-pointing, sealing, and maintenance of Exterior bricks	\$12,750
Replacement of boiler for HVAC	\$11,975
Replacement of circulating pumo for HVAC	<u>\$ 4,150</u>
Total	\$35,675

It was suggested that a line item be created for those items that require maintenance year to year.

Recreation Administration, Waterfront Docks, Events and Facilities, Athletics and Programs, Senior Center, Parks & Grounds, and Aquatic Center

Staff was asked to find the money to keep the Bobby Andrews Seventh Street Recreation Center open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (approximately \$5100). Also, keep usage information and get Civic groups to help. Find \$4,000 for more part-time employees.

Council mutually agreed to raise the fees for the Aquatic Center \$5.00 each quarter and \$1.00 for daily free swim, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

Electric

Councilman Gahagan suggested we receive the Study before discussing the Electric Fund budget. Electric Fund and DWOW will be discussed on June 4th.

Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Electric Fund, Stormwater Fund and Solid Waste Fund

Discussion was held on the Agreement the City has been the County, and the need to review that Agreement. The City is not recovering overhead costs. There is a 5% rate increase in the budget and a transfer of \$12,000 from the General. There is no fund balance to subsidize the rates. Council directed Mr. Smith and James Tripp to look at a rate increase and not transfer from the General Fund.

A \$2.00 fee increase is proposed for Solid Waste.

Allen Lewis will report on the Drainage Study on May 29th.

On motion of Mayor Pro tem Woolard, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council unanimously continued the meeting until Tuesday, May 29th at 4:30 p.m.

**Rita A. Thompson, CMC
City Clerk**