

The Washington City Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 29, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Present were: Judy Jennette, Mayor; Doug Mercer, Mayor Pro tem; Richard Brooks, Councilman; Darwin Woolard, Councilman; Archie Jennings, Councilman; Gil Davis, Councilman; Jim Smith, City Manager; Reatha Johnson, Assistant City Clerk; and Franz Holscher, City Attorney.

Also present were: Carol Williams, Finance Director; Allen Lewis, Public Works; Jimmy Davis, Fire Chief; Director; Bobby Roberson, Planning and Community Development Director; Philip Mobley, Parks & Recreation Director; Mick Reed, Police Chief; Susan Hodges, Human Resource Director; Lynn Lewis, Tourism Director; and Mike Voss, of the Washington Daily News.

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

APPROVAL/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Councilman Jennings stated he had one quick update for consideration - RFQ/Plan Review Process on the Water Street Project. Mayor Jennette asked to move this to item #13, and make Closed Section item #14.

On motion of Councilman Brooks, seconded by Councilman Woolard, Council unanimously approved the agenda, as amended.

ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DOCKS

Phil Mobley, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that what they were trying to have the manager sign this agreement but the City Attorney received a letter and has some concerns about three or four of the items. Mr. Mobley has been in contact with the engineering firm and suggested this item be placed on hold until the items can be cleared.

Mayor Pro tem Mercer asked if this contract given to this firm had a deadline. Mr. Mobley said no, Mayor Pro tem Mercer stated he would like to see one in it. Mr. Mobley stated this was one of his suggestions, as in the scope of services, the layout of the things that he does fit chronologically with the grant because the grant will terminate in July 2009. Mayor Pro tem Mercer's concern was issuing the contract and the City doesn't have a deadline (sometime in September or October) this will at least give the City nine months to do the work.

Council agreed to table the Engineering Contract for construction of docks until which time the City Attorney is comfortable with the agreement.

EMERGENCY GENERATOR FOR STATION 2

Chief Jimmy Davis stated that as Council was aware when they awarded the bid for construction of Station 2 in order to get the 3rd bay, cuts had to be made to bring the project in under budget. One of the cuts made was the generator, now the building has been completed and the project was unspent by approximately \$149,000. Chief Davis stated they had the contractor go back and update his bid since it was over twelve months old. The contractor updated the bid and the generator can be purchased for \$129,671 and still be under spent by approximately \$18,000 from the USDA loan.

Councilman Jennings asked if it is put back into the contract that it will become part of the finance portion of the deed. Chief Davis said that was correct – it is part of the USDA loan. Councilman Woolard said he thought the money could only be used for the Station 2 and Chief Davis agreed. Mayor Jennette said she felt this was of upmost important because this will function as a safety

center during hurricane's and Chief Davis said it will be the City's emergency Operation Center. Mayor Pro tem Mercer asked Chief Davis is this just the initial fuel and Chief Davis responded yes.

**CONSIDER VACANT UTILITY MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
POSITION**

Allen Lewis, Public Works Director, stated last month or month before last, Council had decided to freeze all vacant positions and would need to get permission position by position basis before the position could be filled and this is a request to fill this vacant position. Public Works is down two people right now (will have an employee coming back on Monday but it will be light duty). Productivity standpoint is down about a position and a half. One position the employee was out on sick leave and the other position just became vacant a couple of weeks ago.

Councilman Jennings stated he needed clarification on the proper procedure for the hiring freeze, would Council need to vote to have those positions filled and Mayor Jennette said yes. James Smith, City Manager, stated they would like to start the process and just wanted to make Council aware before it is advertised in the Daily News. Information only, this does not require a vote tonight.

Mayor Pro tem Mercer said his concern is the two positions and Mr. Lewis indicates he has one true vacancy and an employee out on sick leave; he does not know what the policy is for an individual who is out of work on sick leave for an extended time. Mayor Pro tem Mercer said he would need a little time just to dig into the personnel manual.

Susan Hodges, Human Resource Director, stated an employee is entitled to twelve weeks family medical leave and that is docketed and runs concurrent with their workers compensation. Once they have been out for more than twelve weeks then the City policy is to let them use sick leave. For a long term employee that has accumulated a lot of sick leave, they will remain on the payroll until the sick leave is exhausted. At the time when all the sick leave has been exhausted or at the end of twelve weeks family medical leave then a decision will have to be made if employment should be continued.

Mayor Jennette stated this would be placed on the May 12, agenda and in the meantime we should go ahead and advertise. Mayor Jennette said that whatever information Mayor Pro tem Mercer requests that it be provided for all Council members.

FYI – BID AWARD FOR PETROLEUM

Jim Smith, City Manager, stated this was for information only and presumes this is the current price. We all know the price change from day to day and it will not necessarily mean it will be \$2.7414/gallon for the 89 octane but will be whatever the current price is plus the mark-up.

Mayor Jennette asked if it mattered what we lock in on and Jim said we can lock in the percentage mark-up at least.

Councilman Jennings asked if we are still comfortable with the structure around the way we distribute fuel and the other entities to use our facility to take down fuel and if not do we need to make it part of our budget process. Mr. Smith stated he think we are still in pretty good shape with that. Councilman Jennings said he feels the new members of City Council (Councilman Davis especially) would be amazed at the number of people and entities that use that facility and to make sure we are being compensated fairly for providing that service and make that a part of the budget review.

Mayor Pro tem Mercer asked Mr. Smith what was the plus factor and Mr. Smith said it is all lump together and he wasn't sure. Mr. Smith said what we are charging other users of our pump facilities and tank storage is \$0.07 cents a gallon plus 2%. Councilman Woolard asked if this was of their total bill and Mr. Smith said yes. Mayor Pro tem Mercer stated he would like to have some fill of what the number would be. Mayor Jennette asked the Mayor Pro tem Mercer be provided with the website.

UPDATE ON INTERCHANGE OVERLAY DISTRICT

Bobby Roberson, Planning and Community Development Director, stated that John Rodman had been working with the sub-committee underneath Planning Board and an estimated completion day on the overlay set up is at the end of May. They have conducted a series of public hearings to actually inform the property owners of the proposals. John Rodman would like to give a status report and is requesting direction from the City Council. A lot of conversation has occurred with the sub-committee about the actual style of the buildings also color of the structures and tint. There had been a lot of conversation with the sub-committee about regulating and addressing these issues and did not wish to bring any document to Council outside of what is expected.

John Rodman stated as Council is aware, we are currently under a development moratorium for our two interchange districts and asked Council to look at the map he passed out. The map refers to District A and District B, which include the two intersections at the highway 17 bypass & West 5th Street, and existing highway 17.

John Rodman said he will be primarily talking about rezoning for now. In District A, which is the intersection highway 17 bypass and West 5th Street, there are currently 256 parcels in that overlay district that the committee looked at for rezoning. Out of those 256 parcels they would like to rezone 106 of the parcels. Light Blue indicates the O&I District; Red indicates B2 District, Yellow indicates Residential District, and Gray indicates Industrial District. Of the 256 parcels there were currently 27 parcels that were nonconforming when they started. After rezoning, there remain only four parcels that would be nonconforming. The Future Land Use Map was used as a guideline.

The Planning Board seems to be happy with what the sub-committee is doing. The public has been contacted and there are some areas that they are not happy with, but the committee feels they met the criteria for what they were trying to do. Mr. Roberson said he felt overall the biggest thing they did was to be consistent with the overall plan that we have for the future. Mr. Rodman stated the sub-committee also looked at the permitted uses within that rezoning.

Mayor Jennette asked Mr. Rodman about the design issues that the committee may be recommending what guideline will be put in place for those buildings. Mr. Rodman stated that was correct and they had shadowed what they want to do concerning rezoning. The Planning Board will make a recommendation to the City Council probably at the June meeting, Council will need to recommend having these maps implemented. The committee will begin working on some of the design standards.

Councilman Jennings had a question concerning the rerouting of traffic off the main thoroughfare and Mr. Rodman said this is being addressed now. Mr. Rodman said right now they are talking about maybe implementing some of the major developments (this is being called access management). Councilman Davis asked if perhaps what is being done will limit driveway access to that road and Mr. Rodman said that was correct.

Mayor Jennette asked the meaning of the lavender color. Mr. Rodman stated this exist in the County because it is still on the map and is actually

something DOT purchased that doesn't exist anymore. Mayor Pro tem Mercer also had concerns and Mr. Rodman addressed his concern. Mayor Pro tem Mercer made a suggestion that the Planning Board and their sub-committee look very strongly at the concept of service roads so that rather than having multiple entrance onto that road you would have perhaps only two (coming in at one end and going out at the other end). Mayor Pro tem Mercer asked the meaning of the double black lines, if it was considered the highway zone. Mr. Rodman stated this was the highway corridor boundary. Councilman Jennings asked how wide are the radius on these two surfaces and Mr. Rodman said 3000 feet, just over a half of mile.

Councilman Jennings asked if there were something in the DOT plan that is not there anymore and the answer was yes, they took out the service road. Mayor Pro tem Mercer and John Rodman provided some examples and said it is a Michigan turnaround. Mayor Jennette said this was absolutely correct and it was pointed out in the Public Hearing. Councilman Jennings stated this should be pointed out to the US 17 Commission. Mayor Jennette asked to be given the information and she will get it to the Commission. Mayor Pro tem Mercer stated representatives from DOT will be at the County Commission meeting Monday at 5:00 pm (the same time as our next Council meeting) and will discuss the TIP plan. Should part of the Council go to the DOT meeting to express Council concerns about some of these things? Mayor Jennette asked Mr. Roberson if we still have a list of some of the road priorities – Mayor Jennette asked to have an update and any concerns can be expressed at the meeting of the 16th. Councilman Jennings would like to make sure someone from the County Commissioner or the Manager are aware of this and they can bring it to DOT's attention so that it will already be on the table when Council has their meeting. Mayor Jennette asked Mr. Allen Lewis to work with one of his contacts and have him to come to June 23rd Committee of the Whole meeting and she will invite Marvin Blount so some of these concerns can be addressed.

NORTHGATE GRANT EXTENSION

Bobby Roberson, Planning & Community Development Director, passed out a letter dated April 11, 2008, from North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. This letter was an update in response of the Briley's asking for an extension to the State office. Mr. Roberson called Council's attention to the summary in which stated the State is willing to grant an extension to the City of Washington not to exceed one year or up to December 31, 2009, if the City is willing to continue to monitor the progress of this project beyond the December 31, 2008 deadline. The State is asking the City of Washington to respond. In reference to the extension date, Mr. Roberson's office has been in contact with the City Attorney, and in turn Mr. Holscher forwarded an email to City Council and the City Manager. As a staff recommendation, there is no problem with the extension of the date provided that the Briley's actually negotiate a letter of credit through a local bank. Mr. Roberson stated the reason for asking for this is because they have to do a lot release set up for each lot that are being sold and the letter of credit will in essence protect the City and allow him to have a lot release space sooner. Franz Holscher, City Attorney, stated the City is required by the State to recapture \$10,000 for each lot that is not sold to a Low to Moderate Income (LMI) purchaser up to thirty two and so far there are seven transactions that have qualified, so the amount that the City would potentially have to recapture has been reduced to \$250,000. Previously, Mr. Briley requested some releases and we put together an escrow agreement whereby \$80,000 was deposited into an escrow account. Franz Holscher, City Attorney, stated he had spoken with the bank and was told that the letter of credit should be in place by two weeks. If the letter of credit gets in place then the escrow agreement can be voided, return the \$80,000 to Mr. Briley and his office could process releases very quickly. The lender is requesting a subordination agreement from the City and Mr. Holscher advice is to give this to them. The attorney's office received a request from Mr. Nelson on behalf of Mr. Briley to

currently release six lots. One of those six lots will be sold to the Washington Housing Nonprofit Inc. Mr. Holscher is asking Council to consider releasing one of those lots to be sold to Washington Housing Nonprofit. Recommendation on the other five lots is either get an escrow amount or wait until the letter of credit is in place, but if the City feels comfortable with that commitment then you can release them.

Jim Smith, City Manager, stated that the last time this was discussed; Council authorized the release of eight lots with a \$10,000 escrow. If the precedent is adequate for Council and Mr. Briley post that escrow until the letter of credit comes or post the letter of credit a.s.a.p. and the lot not be released until the letter of credit is posted then Council really doesn't have to take any action tonight. Franz Holscher said to clarify, we can follow suit with what they would like to have happen without taking any action just by following the precedent established earlier. Mr. Smith said he believes that this is in the minutes. Mr. Holscher believes to stay in good order, the City shouldn't release anything without the letter of credit and this will allow the City to follow its precedent. Mr. Smith asked if Council would have any problem with posting the escrow until such time as the letter of credit. Council did not have a problem with this and Mr. Holscher stated then in turn release the escrow to be replaced by the letter of credit. Mayor Jennette felt this was the intent the last time Council went over this but apparently it wasn't stated clearly in the minutes. Council will be ready to act on this at the next City Council meeting.

Mr. Nelson stated that the Briley's was hoping to get lot 116 released for the Washington Housing Nonprofit and not sure if they need to do another \$10,000 of escrow. Mr. Smith said that this is the policy. Mr. Holscher understood that if Mr. Nelson puts \$10,000 into the escrow account then they can release lot 116 and the other releases would follow once the line of credit is in place. Mr. Roberson said in summary to make sure he was on the same page as Council, he would need to forward to North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety stating that the City of Washington has no objection of extending the deadline to December 31, 2009 and Mayor Jennette asked to include in the letter that it would be contingent upon getting the letter of credit for the City security.

Jason Briley said he spoke with First South Bank today and was told the line of credit had been approved.

MOORING FIELD SUMMARY

Bobby Roberson said that Mayor Pro tem Mercer had a question about the Mooring Field being inside the zoning district and as Council knows, it is not listed as a permitted use. In summary there are several ways this can be addressed:

- The Overlay District which is the BI-H originally was a Historic District and they can extend that boundary to what he considers to be the Southern side of the Pamlico River and amend the BI-H District to allow Mooring Field as a special use permit. Then treat it the same way as the Marina set-up.
- Create a separate zoning classification as a Mooring Field set-up and have one as a Marina and one as a Mooring Field and then designate the boundary. The one they have specified so far is the one in which the railroad trestle is headed in a westerly direction toward NC 17.
- All encompassing approach in which the City would wait for the Special Legislation that would be generated in 2009 to create a Harbor Master Bill at the local level. Council would then have to adopt a resolution.

Franz Holscher provided Council with a summary tonight and will email the final version once completed. Mr. Holscher felt this would give Council some direction.

Councilman Jennings asked Mr. Roberson about the debate as to whether zoning restriction regulations guidance even applies to a federally manageable body of water such as the river. Mr. Roberson deferred this issue to the City Attorney and Mr. Holscher said he has a lot of concerns about the City's authority and jurisdiction but would like to get the document he is working on into Council hands. Mr. Holscher stated there are different positions one can take over the water and the document he is working on will help clarify some of the issues.

Council had a lot of concerns and Mayor Jennette asked if they would get all questions to Mr. Holscher to be included in his summary. Mr. Holscher said he will have the summary available to Council for May 12, 2008 meeting.

Mayor Pro tem Mercer stated that the language in the CAMA Land Use Up-date states the City will encourage Mooring Fields. Councilman Jennings asked where we are in the process. Franz Holscher stated the Mr. Bill Sytes had submitted an application for a Mooring Field and we had a letter of support for the permit application. Mike Thomas with the Division of Costal Management called him and said that if the City was not formally an applicant on the permit application that they were not going to process it. Mr. Holscher asked Mr. Thomas if the City could establish a contractual relationship for the services and things needed to support his application and the answer was yes they would consider it. Mr. Holscher stated if this was the case, then the private entity would have to come back to the City with the proposed contract to provide the relationship. CAMA is not waiting on the City, they are waiting for either the City to join the permit or a contractual relationship is established to support the permit.

UPDATE ON POTENTIAL REUSE OF COTTAGE SERVICE STATION

Bobby Roberson stated he had been in contact with Rivers and Associates and they had gone over and looked at the Cottage Service Station. Rivers and Associates asked Mr. Roberson how much money the City of Washington is willing to spend on actually moving the Cottage Service Station, it will be difficult to move because the building is slab on grade. Rivers and Associates looked at the building and said there were components he would not recommend to move. The City will need to make some decisions about keeping the building intact for examples the two bays on the right hand side of the building near the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Roberson said information should be provided by the end of May or first of June.

Mayor Jennette asked if the church had even approached the City about buying the building. Jim Smith said yes, he had a meeting with some of the representatives of the church and they would like for us to do something with the building. Mayor Jennette suggested that we share this information with the church because it doesn't necessarily have to be the City to move the building.

Councilman Jennings stated that he was on the finance committee with the church and was involved in acquiring the property and also asked Mr. Roberson to contact Lydia Jennings because she has done some leg work. The church doesn't need the building; the property is the primary interest of the church. Jim stated the simplest way to do something with the building is just use the façade and not try to move the whole thing.

STATUS OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON BATHROOMS

Bobby Roberson stated that again they are working with River and Associates on this project and there are two sites they are looking at. One is the existing site and there are some limitations but have had it surveyed and will be talking about the size and scope of the building. The second site will be locating the bathrooms close to the pumping station. This is not a very clean and desirable site but plan to have a meeting with neighbors to see if they have a problem. After consulting with the neighbors, will try to run the cost and come back with some numbers. Planning will be working with River & Associates in getting those numbers.

Mr. Roberson said they have abandoned everything where Market Street ends on Waters Street because of restraints about the actual purchase of the property. The property owners are not willing to negotiate on the bathroom set-up. The Chamber of Commerce was looked at but because of the drainage situation they opted not to pursue that.

Councilman Jennings asked if Mr. Roberson was talking about the pumping station on the docks and Mr. Roberson said he was talking about the main pumping station directly across from Mr. Joe Taylor's residence. This is just one alternate site. Mayor Pro tem Mercer asked if there was not something centrally located that could be utilized? Mr. Roberson stated they thought it would be cost prohibited for the City but if you want to put the money in it then it can be done. Councilman Jennings asked if it can be put on a slab on some of the spaces that are adjacent to Stewart Parkway by the sidewalk in the parking lot and make it centrally located, is there some property in there the City owned? Mr. Roberson said yes it is, and they have actually done some cost analysis on the one at Havens. This bathroom is simple and its cost \$90,000 and did not include the property. The estimated cost of the structure is \$175,000. Mayor Pro tem Mercer asked in the street right-of-way that runs behind the McQuay, Chamber, and Maola building would there be some area on that side of the street that could be more centrally utilized? It can be looked at when Mr. Roberson talk with Rivers & Associates but he believes it will be difficult to do.

INFORMATION – WETLAND SURVEY FOR TAR RIVER NATURE PARK

John Rodman has information for the Tar River and the Core of Engineers was involved in this process. Mr. Rodman has a quote on the cost analysis; Mr. Richardson was the lowest responsible bidder at (\$2,900). Mr. Richardson's firm completed a boundary survey of the property for the City.

Councilman Jennings asked if the survey that was done memorialized those boundaries for five years and until it gets on the plat it is subject to change; Bobby said that was correct. Councilman Jennings asked that we try to find the funds and take action at May 12, meeting.

FOLLOW UP ON PLANNING SESSION PRIORITIES (NEED BY MAY 12TH MEETING)

Mayor Jennette stated that she only had two follow up on the planning session priorities submitted; and requested all others be submitted by Monday if not before.

REPORT FROM HUMAN RESOURCES TO REPLACE CITY CLERK

Susan Hodges, Human Resource Director, passed out information to City Council on several ways to go about appointing the City Clerk. Mrs. Hodges said the City Code specifically states that the City Clerk is appointed by Council.

Susan Hodges stated that the City Clerk position and the Finance position is effected by the hiring freeze; in starting the hiring process, does it have to be released from the freeze first.

Mrs. Hodges had highlighted some of the roles of the City Clerk. Mrs. Hodges also provided the chapter on the City Clerk and City records from the NC Municipal School of Government handbook.

Susan Hodges' recommendation to Council:

Form a search committee – 2-3 Council Members/Mayor (can only have 3 if one is the Mayor) and City Manager – cannot have more than 2 council members to avoid quorum.

Search Committee would be responsible for:

- Coordinate with HR Director regarding advertising & recruitment (recruitment process about 4 weeks)
- Review & screen applications
- Establish Interview / Selection process
- Conduct Interviews and / or other assessment process
- Coordinate with HR Director regarding reference checks
- Make recommendation to City council (1 or 2 depending on applicant pool)
- Committee make recommendation to City Council

Mayor Pro tem Mercer stated that the assumption was made that Council would continue to have a dual function – City Clerk/Assistant to the Manager. It may be possible to have a secretary or administrative assistant in one of the other departments that could serve as City Clerk. Also, now that we are going into the budget season, not sure that July 1, is a realistic date. Mrs. Hodges agreed and said even with the budget schedule this is a pretty aggressive date if you have a four weeks recruitment period.

Councilman Jennings asked how Council would decide what direction they would want to go in; if the job would be kept as it is or will Council restructure it. Mayor Pro tem Mercer stated that he feels all of Council should be involved at some point not just the committee of three. Councilman Jennings said he did not feel that was practical because if all six become in session, this would make the interviews public record and not sure this can be done. Mayor Pro tem Mercer said he wasn't suggesting that at all, but that the committee should do the preliminary screening and then the whole Council become involved. Mayor Jennette agreed that all Council should be involved just as it was with the hiring of the City Manager. Mrs. Hodges pointed out that the tax collector is also appointed by Council.

Council discussed this further and decided not to take any action on this tonight. Mayor Jennette asked if this could wait and be voted on in May, because of the freeze issues and everything else. Councilman Jennings proposed that this be discussed at the budget session on Monday, May 5, 2008.

On motion of Councilman Brooks, seconded by Councilman Woolard, Council unanimously agreed to extend the meeting until 6:30 pm.

UPDATE ON RFQ PLAN PROCESS REQUEST – WATER STREET PROPERTY

Councilman Jennings said he hoped Council would endorse the RFQ Plan Process. Councilman Jennings said that entities submitted their qualifications. A group was assigned (DWOW members, members at large) met about two weeks ago. This group agreed that the public does not have an appetite for another study and does not know where the money would come from. The group

concluded to take the Renaissance Plan and the Dixon Plan and find out what was good on those plans. Crafting a vision out of those two existing plans and invite others to the tent (Committee of 100, etc.) We need to agree what the vision is. One thing is to set parameters as to what would be acceptable development in the central business district. This would take the Council out of one of the approval processes that Council is subjected to now. Councilman Jennings hoped that Council will formally endorse this process at the next meeting to give it credibility. Once Council can agree to a name of the new plan then adopt this plan.

Major Jennette asked who was going to lead this charge; Councilman Jennings stated that he recommends, Bobby Roberson, Jim Smith, Paul Spruill and himself become ex-officio members. Councilman Jennings will provide a list at the May 12, 2008 meeting of a list of people who has agreed to do it and anything else the Council may require.

**CLOSED SESSION – UNDER G. S. 14-318.11(A)(3)
ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND (6) PERSONNEL**

Jim Smith, City Manager, stated in his discussion with Franz Holscher, the City Attorney, he was advised there was not a need to go into closed session for the discussion of Chocowinity Treatment Plant Capacity. After this discussion, Jim agreed with him and is prepared to discuss this matter in open session.

**REQUEST – TOWN OF CHOCOWINITY FOR WASTEWATER
TRANSMISSION AND TREATMENT CAPACITY**

Jim Smith, City Manager, stated that on March 31, the City received a letter from Mayor Mobley from Chocowinity asking for 146,000 gallons additional wastewater treatment capacity in the short run; according to their plan, an additional 686,000 gallons over the next twenty years. Jim stated that would be quite a commitment of the City's capacity for the town of Chocowinity.

Mr. Smith provided Council with data with the Town of Chocowinity; with the first agreement dating back to 1988.

- Reviewed the five wastewater treatment capacity related to projects which the City has constructed since 1988.
- Reviewed the 2003 Wastewater Treatment Facilities Study by Rivers and Associates
- Met with Rivers Engineering Staff
- Considered other pending requests for sewage treatment capacity
- City's maximum permitted discharge limits set by the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
- Reviewed current Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Smith stated that based on these investigations they made some Findings. Mr. Smith's recommendation with regard to the request from Chocowinity is to make a capacity available at a current estimated cost of \$10.00/per gallon plus the cost of the study update.

Mayor Pro tem Mercer suggested Council charge \$15.00/per gallon, this is a more realistic number. Councilman Jennings said this report was great and he appreciated all the hard work but felt this is too weighted for staff. Councilman Jennings stated he would like to understand this fully and Councilman Brooks agreed. Mayor Jennette stated we need to give them a ballpark figure today.

Council decided to go with a range of \$12.00/per gallon to \$15.00/per gallon.

On motion of Councilman Woolard, seconded by Council Brooks, Council unanimously adjourned the meeting until Monday, May 5, 2008.

**ADJOURN UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**Reatha B. Johnson
Assistant City Clerk**