

**CALLED MEETING
MARCH 5, 2010**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held a called meeting on Friday, March 5, 2010, 1 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall for the purpose of considering proposed changes to the City Charter as prepared by City Attorney Fleming. Mayor W.E. Burns presided.

Present were: Mayor Burns, Council members Barnett, Cullars, Eaton, Pope, Rainey and Tutt. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner, City Attorney Fleming and Attorney Kayla Cooper.

Visitors present were: Debbie Anderson, Henry Anderson, Ted Bush, Gail Boyd, Bettye Armour, Travis Armour, Martha Coulter, Stephen Arnold, Rachel Arnold, C. Carol Cartledge, Bill Steed, Tom Wells, Rosemary Hopkins, Shirley Gunter, Charlotte Simmons, Robert Simmons, Henry Harris, Cindy Bounds, Bob Simmons, Charles Jackson, Sherri Bailey and Kip Burke of the News Reporter.

Mayor Burns asked that City Attorney Fleming present proposed changes to the personnel policies, ordinances and city charter.

City Attorney Fleming advised that proposed changes that council received March 3, 2010, for review, were prepared by him and Attorney Kayla Cooper from guidelines set forth by council during the January 29, 2010 retreat.

Attorney Fleming reviewed each proposed change with council and answered questions that council had regarding making proposed changes.

After discussion, on motion Rainey, second by Tutt, council voted 3-3-1 to amend City Personnel Policies and Procedures Section 6.A: Initial Appointment to read: All employees of the city shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the appropriate department head and approval of the City Administrator. Prior to granting approval of the hire, the City Administrator shall bring the top three candidates to the committee to which the new hire shall be assigned to gain concurrence of the one selected.; and, further to amend Charter Section 41 granting veto authority to the Mayor. City Attorney Fleming was instructed to prepare wording to be sent to the General Assembly for approval of the Charter change. Voting against the motion were council members Barnett, Eaton and Pope. Mayor Burns voted for the motion, breaking the tie vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.

_____MAYOR

_____CLERK