

**CALLED MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2012**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held a called work session for the purpose of going over the proposed 2013 city budget. Mayor Ames Barnett presided.

Present were Mayor Barnett, council members Armour, Cullars, Harris, Rainey, Scarborough and Tutt. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner and Financial Coordinator Bailey.

Kip Burke of the News Reporter was also present.

Council discussed in general terms items highlighted in the Administrator's memo to council attached to their proposed budget: the 7% required raise to water and sewer rates to meet GEFA obligations; the need for a police investigator vehicle – two wheel or four wheel drive; rescue equipment for fire department; decrease amount stated for Bobcat purchase by using rental equipment; take out amount listed for a used trencher; and, reduce amount to replace 16 hydrants.

Council had more discussion on other items in the proposed budget: \$250,000 in total electric rate increases—perhaps consider not going up on industrial customers at all; \$60,000 identified to begin search for an Asst. City Administrator; salary increases – whether to fund or not; and, electric department tree trimming – doing with staff or contracting out.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

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