

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2012

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012, 6 PM at the Edward Pope Conference Center. Mayor W. E. Burns presided.

Present were: Mayor Burns, council members Barnett, Cullars, Harris, Pope, Rainey and Tutt. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner, City Attorney Fleming, Chief Glenn and council members elect Armour and Scarborough.

Visitors present included: Barbara Bacon, Cindy Bounds, Sandra Pope, Pembroke Pope, Glenn Jones, Robert Williams, Nancy Bobbitt, Edward Franklin, Robert Geiger, Daniel Graham, David Toburen, John Scott, Jack Garrett, Tom Owen, Jane Owen, Charles Leverette, Terri Lane, Norris Ware, Betsy Wagner, Charles Wagner, Jo Randall, Buzzy Randall, Jane Newsome, Tom Wells, Melanie Wells, Mary Burt, Newton Gunter, Pam Gunter, James Thomas, Janette Thomas, Hattie Callaway, Betty Hamilton, Greg Wilkinson, Clara Sutton, Hilda Wright, Terry Thornton, Robbie Hardigree, Billy Hopkins, Rosemary Hopkins, Martha Coulter, Barbara Ricciuti, Betty Slaton, Carol Cartledge, Mildred Hackney, Ann Tanner, Jenny Clark, Rosalie Haynes, Alton Ray, Karen Ray, Becky Stover, Tina Bailey, Makayla Wray, Bruce Bailey, Mildred Hudson, Michael Horgan, Rachel Jackson, Uellis Tutt, Barbara Burns, Blake Thompson, Sparky Newsome, Claibourne Darden, Anita Darden, Richard Jones, Claudia Jones, Brittaney Gebing, Candice Harris, Angie Strother, Jane Bundy, George Brooks, Jim Hussey, Rachel Moreland, Kay Finnell, Eddie Finnell, Alicia Finnell, Archie Acree, Annie Wilkinson, William Derricott, Susan H. Pope, Kevin Madden, Alicia Madden, Elaine Robinson, Buck Robinson, Betty Reese, Kathryn Anderson, Ed Anderson, Bettye Armour, Judy Anderson, Linda Echols, Kenneth Echols, Peggy Anderson, Sniggy Eskew and Kip Burke of the News Reporter.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. Kevin Madden followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

On motion by Harris, second by Pope, council approved 6 to 0 the minutes of Public Hearing held December 12, 2011 and the regular meeting held December 12, 2011.

SWEAR IN THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Attorney Fleming administered the oath of office to newly elected Mayor Ames M. Barnett and council members J. Travis Armour and Michael Scarborough.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Mayor Barnett asked for approval of appointment of Edward Anderson as Municipal Judge for calendar year 2012. On motion by Harris, second by Cullars, council approved request 6 to 0.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Barnett thanked former Mayor Burns and Council member Pope for their years of service to Washington and their community. Mayor Barnett asked that the community come together as one to achieve an open honest government, economic development planning with Wilkes County, and work to provide economical electric, water and sewer rates. Mayor Barnett continued by thanking employees for their hard work, but stressed a desire to improve efficiency.

SIGNATURE ACCOUNTS

On motion by Harris, second by Cullars, council approved 6 to 0 to have Mayor Ames M. Barnett, City Administrator Michael P. Eskew and City Clerk Debbie Danner on all signature accounts and certificates of deposit at F & M Bank and Farmers State Bank, and; further, that former Mayor Willie E. Burns should come off all signature accounts at above named banking institutions. Financial Coordinator Sherri Bailey shall remain on the Payroll Account at Farmers State Bank and GEFA/CDBG accounts at F & M Bank. Council further instructs banking institutions that all documents must be signed by two of the three above named city officials. Council further instructs that all MEAG Power Trust directives be in written form signed by Mayor Barnett and City Administrator Eskew.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Barnett invited attendees to refreshments and declared meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK