

**WORK SESSION**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly Work Session on Monday, February 12, 2018, beginning at 3 PM at the Edward Pope Conference Center. Mayor Ames Barnett presided.

Present were Mayor Barnett and Council members Armour, Armour, Cullars, Mahoney and Scarborough. Council member Tutt joined the meeting at 3:25 PM. Also present were City Administrator Bailey, City Clerk Danner and City Attorney Nelson.

Visitors included: Jeanelle Ashmore, Charles Jackson, Hilda Wright, Letitia Strozier, Tracy Stevens, Bertrina Ivey, Loretta Fanning, Betty Hamilton, Kendra Dill, M.V. Booker, Charles Wagner, Sim Dill, Dottri Jackson, Carrie Lokey, Joseph Anderson, Clara Sutton, Annie R. Wilkinson, Porter Barnett, Ashley Barnett, Blake Thompson and Sparky Newsome of the News Reporter.

Mayor Barnett advised that the Kettle Creek Battlefield walk ways dedication was held this afternoon and was well attended.

Mayor Barnett advised council that he would seek approval of the appointment of Maceo Mahoney to the Parks and Recreation Board and of Andrew Jackson to the Historic Preservation Commission during the regular meeting. Mahoney advised that he would not be able to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mayor Barnett and council discussed having MEAG/ECG officials conduct a town hall meeting in March to discuss the city's utility rates.

Mayor Barnett also reviewed with council the Decorum section of the City's Ethics policy concerning conduct at public meetings.

City Administrator Bailey advised that she would seek approval during the regular meeting for installation of speed bumps on Allison Street and on Ashley Avenue near the ball fields. Council also discussed resurfacing of city streets.

Bailey advised that a reduction of the Hospital's water rate given in 2014 for a three year period had expired and requested that council give direction on extending or replacing this rate during the regular meeting. The 2014 approved reduction to the rate was 25%.

Bailey advised of a request for use of the square and Pope Center grounds for a Teen Pregnancy Prevention walk on May 19, 2018.

Bailey advised that Parks and Recreation Director Alvin Jones had requested a letter of support for a grant to construct an ATV Trails Park at Lake Boline.

Bailey reviewed with council the utility fees and cut off policy of Commerce, which is also a MEAG city, and how they differed from the city's fees and policies. Council also discussed utility deposit fees.

City Attorney Nelson reviewed with council a resolution to amend Section 2-67 of the Code of Ordinances. Section 2-67 currently requires the city administrator to reside within the city limits, which is in violation of state law. Council member Cullars questioned why the city would have an ordinance detailing the duties of the city administrator and also have a contract with the administrator.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** On motion by T. Armour, second by Cullars, council approved 6 to 0 to enter into an executive session at 3:29 PM to handle a personnel matter and a legal matter.

On motion by Cullars, second by R. Armour, council approved 6 to 0 to re-enter open session at 4:05 PM.

Attorney Nelson gave report that one legal matter and three personnel matters were discuss in executive session with no final action taken.

On motion by Scarborough, second by T. Armour, council approved 6 to 0 to allow Mayor Barnett to sign an executive session affidavit.

Work Session adjourned at 4:06 PM.

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