

**WORK SESSION
AUGUST 13, 2012**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held a work session on Monday, August 13, 2012, 6 PM at the Edward Pope Conference Center. 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 City Attorney Fleming.

Visitors present included: Jim Markel, Joseph Willis, Edward Franklin, Barbara Ricciuti, Tom Owens, Jane Owens, David Jenkins, Cindy Russell Bounds, Norris Ware, Eddie Binns, Patsy Winn, Ann Tanner, Phyllis Scarborough, Betty Hamilton, Linda Echols, Kenneth Echols, Rachel Jackson, Archecia Ann Cullars, Annie R. Wilkinson, Thomas Hall, Hattie Callaway, Tom Stephens, Betty Slaton, Carol Cartledge, Sue Davidson, Hilda Wright, Charles Jackson, Blake Thompson, Olivia Jackson and Kip Burke of the News Reporter.

FOXWOOD DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jim Markel of Foxwood Development gave council an update of the status of the proposed 48 unit housing development for low to moderate income senior citizens. There is an abandoned street and cemetery on the property. The developers and the City Attorney are working together on the process to clear title to property and abandon the street and cemetery.

MAIN STREET UPDATE: David Jenkins reminded council that he would ask for approval to initiate pending subdivision regulation and zoning amendments for the Rusher Street development area. Jenkins also advised that one CHIP 08 housing renovation is complete and that all three renovations should be complete by fall 2012. Jenkins reported that the unveiling of the African-American Revolutionary Patriots Memorial was well attended.

Jenkins also advised that a new feature will soon be added to the city's website called "Notify Me". This feature will be available to anyone signing up to be notified in case of any utility emergencies.

RAINEY: Council member Rainey asked that thought be given to limiting the number of concurrent terms that someone may be appointed to for the city's boards, commissions and authorities.

Rainey reported a lack of restroom facilities at Booker Park and recommended that the city look into use of Porta Potties for this park.

Rainey advised that she would make a motion to increase council salary by \$100 for each level of GMA training obtained. This change can be accomplished through Home Rule change to the charter to be effective after the 2013 city elections. GMA training levels are: 42 hours, 72 hours, 120 hours and 204 hours. The city currently increases council salary by \$100 monthly for obtaining 120 hours of GMA training.

Rainey asked for ideas for operating Callaway Plantation in a manner which will generate more revenue. There was discussion about the cutting of timber to upgrade and expand the RV park. A council committee of Rainey, Harris and Armour was appointed for further study of this facility.

CULLARS: Council member Cullars asked for information on a commercial utility customer whose account is in arrears. Cullars was advised that one account has been paid up to the current month. City Administrator Eskew will meet with customer about the status of the accounts.

Cullars also asked for information on a Police Department response to a business in the Whitehall Street area. There was some discussion about who has the ability/authority to declare a situation under control.

ADJOURNMENT: Work session adjourned at 5:55 PM

_____ MAYOR

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