

**PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2009**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held a public meeting on January 15, 2009, beginning at 6:30 PM at the Pope Conference Center to receive citizen input into a proposed juvenile curfew ordinance. Mayor W. E. Burns presided.

Present were Mayor Burns, Council members Avery, Cullars, Eaton, Mahoney and Pope. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner, City Police Chief Mike Davis and Juvenile Judge Brit Hammond.

Also present were Annie R. Wilkinson, Hattie Callaway, Kim Evans, Billy Gartrell, Felicia Browner, Angela Anderson, Sheriff Mark Moore, Uriah Barnes, Mark Ward, Colleen LeRoy, Mildred Hackney, Shannon Thomason, Emmanuel Bryson and James Thomas.

Rev. Avery opened the meeting in prayer.

Mayor Burns presented the proposed ordinance and asked that citizens review it and make comments before adoption by council.

Judge Hammond advised that the curfew ordinance must be tied to parents in order to work. Mr. Hammond further advised that the curfew ordinance will help identify “at-risk” children, but the ordinance also requires “man-power” to enforce it.

Citizens present were given the opportunity to speak and most commented that they saw no need for an ordinance at this time, but that parents should be held accountable for their children and the actions of their children.

The need for organized activities for children after school and into the early evening hours would be helpful in keeping children occupied. The Department of Juvenile Justice Fast Start program was discussed and citizens were encouraged to join the Fast Start panel.

Another Public Meeting for citizen input will be scheduled and advertised for a later date.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

_____MAYOR

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