

**WORK SESSION**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly Work Session on Monday, February 11, 2019, beginning at 2:30 PM at the Pope Conference Center. Mayor Ames Barnett presided.

Present were: Mayor Barnett and council members Armour, Armour, Cullars, Mahoney and Scarborough. Council member Tutt was absent due to family illness. Also present were City Administrator Bailey, City Clerk Danner and City Attorney Nelson.

Visitors present were Daryl Ingram of ECG, Kendra Dill, Blake Thompson, Charles Wagner, Roger Harper, Carol Cartledge, Debra Denard, Hilda Wright, Jeanelle Ashmore, Judy Anderson, Janet Parker, Annie R. Wilkinson, Bill De Golian and Sparky Newsome of the News Reporter.

Daryl Ingram of Electric Cities of Georgia presented a slide presentation to council on ECG's Edge program. It is a program/class available to elected officials and staff for economic development training. It is a six class program over a twelve month period.

Janet Parker presented to council a request to officially name the Tate Street Cemetery. Currently the cemetery is referred to by several different names: Tate Street Cemetery, West End Cemetery and City West Cemetery. After discussion, council member Mahoney requested that an evening meeting be scheduled for citizen participation; local churches and funeral homes be notified and that the notice be included in the Spark Newsletter.

Janet Parker also presented to council proposed ordinance updates to Chapter 20 – Cemeteries. The proposed changes were included in the council packets for review. Council member Mahoney asked for clarification on the fine for funeral homes that do not get a burial permit. It was advised that it would be considered a misdemeanor charge and council generally concurred in setting that fine at \$1000.

Mayor Barnett advised that he would seek approval for the appointment of David Denard to fill the unexpired term of Sharon Jones (resigned) on the Historic Preservation Commission. Barnett also advised that he would seek approval for the appointment of Lakia Cullars and Roxanne Cobb to the URA to fill the un-expired terms of Mark Ward and Sharon Jones.

City Administrator Bailey advised of upcoming events on April 6 the Woman's Club is sponsoring a theatrical vignette at the downtown businesses and on May 11 the annual Teen Pregnancy Prevention walk from the square to the Pope Center.

Bailey advised of the Procurement Evaluation Contract for engineering services at the Gordon Street School site. Carter & Sloope was the high scorer on the evaluation forms.

Bailey advised of a proposed contract with Property Damages Services for collection of insurance fees relating to wrecks damaging city property/utilities. There is no fee for this service, but a 16.5% collection charge will be taken from funds collected.

Bailey advised that she will seek approval of a resolution to authorize a 2019 CDBG grant application for water projects in the same target area as the phase I and II Sewer CDBG projects.

Bailey advised that C & H Paving was low bidder on the 2019 Street Re-Surfacing project. Discussion followed about the area/streets that were being paved. It was explained that current street being paved are from left over funds from the Phase II CDBG grant which have to be spent in the grant target area. Roger Harper, a resident of Old Skull Shoals Road, voiced concern over the condition of Old Skull Shoals Road and questioned if other streets on the paving list were in as bad of a condition as Skull Shoals Road. Citizens were reminded that a retired GA DOT employee did the grading of street conditions and developed the priority list.

Bailey advised that she would seek approval for the 2019 Community garden. Council member Cullars questioned how the garden brought the community together. Citizens were advised that gardeners worked together and that there were donations to God's Marketplace and to the Senior Center. Council member Mahoney requested that a community meeting be scheduled with Mr. Charles Pope so that everyone will be inclusive.

Work Session adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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