

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 10,2022**

**Edward B. Pope Conference Center  
6:00 PM**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly meeting on Monday January 10, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at the Edward B. Pope Conference Center.

Mayor William deGolian presided.

Swearing in of new council member Andy Anderson by Judge Charping appointment from January 10, 2022- December 31, 2026.

Minutes from December 13, 2021, approved.

Public forum sign-up had no sign-ups.

Invocation by Judge Charping followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Armour.

**ADMINISTRATOR TOPICS**

- A. Announced new hire for Community Development Director Mr. Newark for January 24, 2022
- B. Updated employee handbook needed approval was motioned by Councilman Cullars to adopt was seconded and passed.
- C. Purchase and installation replacing 900 new electronic Badger meters and would use part of the ARP water and sewer infrastructure money of \$180,000 of ARP money to purchase meters. Councilman Hill motioned was seconded and was passed.
- D. Recommendation of the FEMA Generator Grant program. Grant total \$300,000 the City of Washington would put up 25% which would be used from ARP money. Councilman Cullars motioned then was 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.
- E. SPLOST 3 items to continue with standard agreement of fire & rescue, streets, and infrastructure of water and sewer.

**MAYORS TOPICS**

- A. Mayor DeGolian asked for motion to accept position on new municipal court Judge Kidd. Council man Cullars then was seconded and passed by council.
- B. Barry Flemming reappointment for another term of 1 year vote was 4 in favor 3 opposed and passed.
- C. 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Washington GA

- D. Mayor DeGolian reviewed boards, commissions, and authorities some will stay the same and some have changed. Councilman Hill motioned to approve appointments mentioned by Mayor Degolian and was passed.

#### **COUNCIL TOPICS**

- A. Councilman Cullars
- a. Water & Sewer- Finding that many residents are on a septic system. Implemented on July 1, 1976, in the city charter was a sewer fee of \$50 that would apply for any resident in the city. Council members discussed should refunds be backdated from 1976 and questioned how far to go back. Council decided to get back on this matter later.
- B. Councilman Mahoney
- a. Utility relief of citizens using allocation of ARP in the amount of \$362,000 to help citizens was put to a vote 3 in favor 4 opposed.
  - b. Museum to have a floor dedicated to black history was put to a motion and did not pass.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was presented by Mayor Bill DeGolian and seconded by council.

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