

**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2023, at 6:00PM**  
**Edward B. Pope Conference Center**

The mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their monthly City Council meeting on March 13, 2023, at 6:00PM at the Edward B. Pope Conference Center. Mayor DeGolian presided. Councilmen Anderson, Cullars, Denard, Hill, Mahoney and Wagner participated in person.

Minutes of the February 13, 2023, meeting are unavailable due to vacancy of the City Clerk position. It is anticipated that the February and March meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the April 10, 2023, City Council meeting.

Motioned by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Denard to modify the March 13, 2023, agenda to allow a vote on the URA board appointee. Motion passed with 4 Yeas and 1 Nay. (Yea = Anderson, Cullars, Denard, Hill, Mahoney) (Nay = Wagner).

Recommendation by Mayor to appoint Dr. Alicia Finnell to the URA board, filling the unexpired term of Craig Jones who resigned this month. Motioned by Hill and seconded by Denard. Motion passed with 4 Yeas and 2 Nays. (Yea = Anderson, Denard, Mahoney, Wagner) (Nay = Cullars, Hill).

Motioned by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Hill to adopt GMA's resolution on civility. The process will qualify Washington as a City of Civility as promoted by GMA. Motion passed with 4 Yeas and 1 Nay. (Yea = Anderson, Denard, Hill, Mahoney, Wagner) (Nay = Cullars).

Motioned by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Denard to reinstate the utility cutoff status penalties and fees that were removed by Council on February 13, 2023. Motion to reestablish fees required of utility accounts reaching cutoff status on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month as follows: \$55 penalty for each occurrence plus an additional security deposit for each occurrence including \$150 for 1<sup>st</sup> occurrence, \$250 for 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence, and \$350 for 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence. Mayor cast tie-breaking vote and motion passed with 4 Yeas and 3 Nays. (Yea = Anderson, DeGolian, Denard, Wagner) (Nay = Cullars, Hill, Mahoney).

Motioned by Councilman Cullars and seconded by Wagner to enter executive session at 7:28 PM for purpose of discussing personnel and real estate matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Council returned to regular session at 8:00 PM. Motioned by Councilman Hill and seconded by Denard to authorize the mayor to sign an affidavit confirming that Council discussed two personnel matters and one real estate matter in executive session with no final action taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Motioned by Councilman Hill and seconded by Denard to sell for \$130,000 the city property at 213 Hospital Drive, Washington, GA 30673 and recorded as Parcel ID W20-001. Motion passed with a 5-1 vote. (Yeas = Anderson, Denard, Hill, Mahoney, Wagner) (Nay = Cullars)

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Denard and seconded by Hill. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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Mayor

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City Clerk