

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2018 to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.	Call to Order
Present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, and Moss. Alderman Brucks was absent.	Roll Call
Also present was City Administrator Jim Culotta, Controller Baxter, Public Works Director Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and members of the press.	
Mayor Manier asked for a moment of silence in memory of Wally King who served the City’s Building Inspector for 22 years. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.	Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence
The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.	Agenda Review
Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the December 18, 2017 regular City Council meeting; post ratification for additional aggregate, salt storage structure; payment authorization: hydra-stop insert-a-valve; authorization: Downtown Square coping wall repairs; and purchase authorization: Sewer Treatment Plant No. 2 UV bulb replacement. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Approve Consent Agenda
April Crotts addressed the Council by reading a letter pertaining to the recent citizen petition that was filed for a public question that asks for the City’s election process to move from partisan elections to nonpartisan elections. She shared her concern that the item is not on the agenda for discussion this evening and that she would like to see it as an agenda item for discussion at a future meeting.	Audience Comments
Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman Butler, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported one item being recommended for approval on the agenda (Ordinance B). Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported one item being recommended for approval on the agenda (Ordinance A).	Standing Committees
None.	Mayor’s Comments
City Administrator Culotta provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois, by amending various sections of Chapter 160 entitled “Building Code.” Adoption of this ordinance would increase the temporary certificate of occupancy fee from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for new construction. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt ord, amending Chapter 160 entitled “Building Code”
City Administrator Culotta provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending Chapter 72 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois entitled “Parking Regulations” to restrict parking on the east side of Lincoln Street north of Jackson Street. Adoption of this ordinance would prohibit parking on the east side of Lincoln Street for 30 feet on each side of the existing north driveway of Lincoln Grade School. The purpose of the prohibition is to facilitate entry and exit of large vehicles such as school buses; and an ordinance amending the Personnel Manual of the City of Washington, Illinois to establish a policy prohibiting sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination. Adoption of this ordinance would adopt a new sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination policy which expands upon our existing policy to comply with the new IL General Assembly Public Act 100-0554. These ordinances will be listed on the next meeting agenda for action.	1 st reading ords, amending Chapter 72, restrict parking on Lincoln St; and amending Personnel Manual, sexual harassment policy
Police Chief McCoy reported on the recent rash of vehicle burglaries sharing that all but one vehicle has been found. He shared that the vehicles were not broken into and that all were unlocked with the keys inside and reminded residents to lock their cars and take their keys inside. Alderman Brownfield expressed his appreciation to the Washington Fire Department and Rescue Squad for all their work in saving his Dad’s life when he experienced a recent heart attack and shared that his Dad is doing well now.	Aldermen’s/Staff Comments
Executive Director of Operations, Roger Traver, provided a brief report for the month of November noting 118 calls were received and for December 134 calls were received. He shared that 1,500 calls were received in 2017, which is up 10% from last year’s number of 1,366.	WVFD Report
At 6:45 p.m. Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>	Adjournment