CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018 LIBRARY MEETING ROOM 380 N. WILMOR ROAD - 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, May 21, 2018 to order at 6:42 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.

Call to Order

Present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, and Moss.

Roll Call

Also present was City Administrator Jim Culotta, Controller Baxter, City Engineer Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, Assistant City Attorney Derek Schryer, and City Clerk Pat Brown

Mayor Manier asked for a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives and were injured in the recent Santa Fe, TX school shooting. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence Pledge of Allegiance

The Agenda was reviewed and Alderman Cobb motioned that Ordinance C (Adopting Revised Personnel Manual) be pulled from the agenda for further consideration. Alderman Brownfield seconded and on roll call the vote was:

Agenda Review /Amended

Ayes: 8 Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried. The agenda stood as amended.

Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the May 7, 2018 regular City Council meeting; bills & payroll; write off uncollectible accounts; purchase authorization: recycling bins; payment authorization: ESRI annual maintenance; accept & place on file: police pension fund report per 40 ILCS 5/3-141; and accept & place on file: monthly financial report period ending 3/31/2018. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:

Approve Consent Agenda

Ayes: 8 Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

None. Audience Comments

Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Consent Agenda C). Alderman Butler, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Staff Reports B).

Standing Committees

Mayor Manier congratulated the WCHS on their award winning band and choral programs. He shared that the senior class will be leaving with a 1st place championship award and should be proud of their accomplishments.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Manier indicated that this year's Memorial Day parade has become a combined effort this year between the American Legion, VFW, and Mr. Tom Berlett who has stepped up to chair the event and asked Mr. Berlett to step forward to share this year's details. Mr. Berlett thanked the Council for allowing this event to take place and the importance of recognizing our veterans. He shared that this year's event has expanded larger this year and will be a stepping stone and training ground for next year's event, which is hoped to double in numbers. He has recruited a good number of volunteers to help in various aspects, with parking and traffic control being a major focus within the cemetery. He shared that a shuttle bus has been added this year and a volunteer plea will be going out in the local newspapers with hopes of capturing those between the ages of 30-50 to step up and volunteer their time. He shared they have a great Vietnam veteran guest speaker lined up as well as the Police Department's new Honor Guard participating in the program this year. He shared that the parade will step off from the corner of N. Main and Jefferson at 10:00 a.m. and should arrive at the cemetery around 11:00 where the program should last about an hour. Mayor Manier thanked Mr. Berlett for all his hard work.

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 Chapter 154.236 entitled "Permits". Adoption of this ordinance would increase the filing fee for an accessory structure building permit from \$20 to \$40 for those projects that require up to two inspections and to \$65 for those projects that require three inspections to better account for the administrative cost associated with the required inspections. Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Adams seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

<u>Aves: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss

Adopt ord, amending Chapter 154.236, regarding accessory structure building permit fees

<u>Nays: 0</u>

Motion declared carried.

City Administrator Culotta provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis, an ordinance establishing a procedure for sale of Surplus Public Real Estate. Adoption of this ordinance would establish a procedure for sale of surplus public real estate known as 1851 Constitution Street. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

Adopt ord, establishing procedure sale of surplus real estate

Ayes: 8 Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

1st reading ords, authrz Chamber of Commerce agreement; and granting special use 320 N. Summit Drive City Administrator Culotta provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to enter into an agreement between the City of Washington and the Washington Chamber of Commerce for the provision of tourism and economic development services. Adoption of this ordinance would approve an agreement between the City of Washington, IL and the Washington Chamber of Commerce regarding tourism and economic development services for a one-year period ending April 30, 2019. Among other things, the agreement provides for the payment of \$30,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for services rendered; and an ordinance granting a Special Use to allow a roof mount solar energy system to be installed on an accessory structure at 320 N. Summit Drive. Adoption of this ordinance would allow for a roof mount solar energy system to be installed on an accessory structure at 320 N. Summit Drive. These ordinances will be listed on the next meeting agenda for action.

Annual NPDES Phase 2 stormwater update

City Engineer Andrews provided an update sharing the following: the US EPA and Illinois EPA have previously adopted a permit requirement for discharges from small municipal separate storm sewers known as MS4s; the required permitting was originally obtained by the City in 2003 and renewed in both 2009 and 2014; the City is also a member of Central Illinois Committee on NPDES to coordinate and leverage local efforts concerning this permitting; efforts in this past year included a formal annual cleaning checklist of basins under the City's jurisdiction and a review of all basins (public and private) within the municipality for general upkeep and conformance; and this has been accomplished with great success using an inhouse inspection application. Alderman Dingledine asked what the private side would be required to do and are their annual inspections required and Andrews shared that it would include trimming back trees and overgrowth and cleaning out and that annual inspections are not a requirement.

Water/Sewer rate study

City Engineer Andrews presented to Council for consideration a water/sewer rate study proposal from Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. sharing the following: Committee of the Whole discussed inhouse efforts through previous discussions with Public Works and Finance & Personnel; looked at ways to fund first round of major infrastructure (water/sewer) reconstruction; and it was recommended to look at timeline impacts with Raftelis to see if they could still hold to the original 90 day timeline. He shared that Scott – is here this evening to field any questions and it was confirmed that they would be able to stay on the 90-day turnaround timeline. Alderman Dingledine shared if we are going to do this it is worth spending the funds to get the comprehensive study for the community and we need to move forward as soon as possible. Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded to authorize the request as presented. Alderman Gee noted that as important as the study is for funding we need to look at different options to raise fees making sure we are taking a look at all of our options. Alderman Brucks asked that it be clear on the record that at the March 19, 2018 Finance & Personnel Committee it was in agreement that Committee was not in favor of the study. Alderman Dingledine expressed his appreciation for Committee's thoughts but was unsure if staff has the time or ability to do a comprehensive study. He shared the amount of required hours listed to complete the study would be taxing our staff and making it difficult for them to get other things done. There was no further discussion and on roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 7 Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss

Nays: 1 Brucks

Motion declared carried.

Authrz progress payment #7, River City Construction, WTP No. 1 Improvement Project City Engineer Andrews requested Council authorization to make progress payment #7 to River City Construction in the amount of \$16,061.03. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Gee seconded to authorize the payment request as presented. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Aldermen's/Staff Comments Chief McCoy expressed his thanks for participation in the first Honors banquet held on Wednesday, May 16th and that many positive comments are being received. He shared that 64 citations were written during the one week period where they were carefully watching for cell phone use while driving. Mayor Manier shared that Police Chief McCoy and Deputy Chief Stevens also participated in the recent Student Government Day where students had discussion on the recent Tobacco 21 ordinance passed by the City. Deputy Chief Stevens shared that they debated and talked on the issue and it was interesting to hear their views and see their want to choose healthy options. Mayor Manier shared that the state Tobacco 21 bill has passed in the Senate but not the House yet indicating they don't like that there are no penalties.

Fire Chief Roger Traver provided a brief report for the month of April noting that 142 calls were received and that call numbers are up 10% over last year. He shared they hosted 160 attendees at the Tazewell County Fire School in April; that May 26th the Heartland Festival Orchestra will be performing at Five Points and the Fire Department is a community partner; and that joint training is being conducted with the Police Department. Mayor Manier shared that it is good to see the departments working together.

Alderman Dingledine shared that he received a phone call in regards to the nonpartisan election process and indicated that he thought it was all said and done through the election. He noted that if anything needs to be done to move the process forward we need to find out what it is before the next meeting and move it forward. Mayor Manier shared that he spoke with Tazewell County Clerk Christie Webb who is continuing to get calls and emails as well and they have certified the results of the election and there is nothing more for them to do. Alderman Dingledine shared that we need to make a statement that says there is nothing more to be done. Mayor Manier shared that a statement is being asked for and we have never had to make a statement on any other election result. Alderman Dingledine expressed what the purpose would be in making a statement if the electorate voted and they approved it then it's done and let's move on, it doesn't matter if anyone here is for it or against it, it's done and let's move forward. Mayor Manier expressed his agreement.

At 7:18 p.m. Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Adams seconded to move into Executive Session for litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

At 7:52 p.m. Council reconvened in regular session on motion by Alderman Brownfield and seconded by Alderman Brucks.

Reconvene regular session

Executive Session

Assistant City Attorney Derek Schryer provided the following statement: The City of Washington over the past two years has reported three separate liens against the property commonly known as Tazewell County PIN# 02-02-15-101-038 to secure an amount due to the City of \$90,311.13, which was due under Section 117.09 of the Municipal Code. This past week the City was approached by the holder of the mortgage that also encumbers the aforementioned property with a request to release the City's three separate liens in exchange for the City receiving \$40,000.00. The \$40,000.00 payment, if the Council would approve the release of the liens, will be first applied to any outstanding penalties and interest due on the amount secured by the first, second, and third lien with the remainder applied to the principal amount of the past due assessments owed to the City. The payment would not constitute a release of any other remedies that may be available to the City to collect the total amount due. With that being said I would like the Council to consider a motion to release the three liens that have been recorded in the office of the Tazewell County Recorder as Document Number 201700006045, Document Number 201800002628, and Document Number 201800003315. Alderman Gee motioned to approve as read by Assistant City Attorney Schryer and Alderman Cobb seconded. On roll call the vote was:

Lien options, Lot 1 Mallard Crossing Commercial Park

<u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

At 7:55 p.m. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Adams seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote</u>.

Adjournment

Patricia S.	Brown.	City Clerk