

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, December 17, 2018 to order at 6:30 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 Controller Joanie Baxter, Public Works Director Ed Andrews, Public Works Manager Kevin Schone, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Chief of Police Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and the Press.	
All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.	Pledge of Allegiance
The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.	Agenda Review
Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the December 3, 2018 regular City Council meeting; bills & payroll; authorization: TIF subsidy repairs, Lindy’s retaining wall; and payment authorization: OnSolve, CodeRed 2019 renewal. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Approve Consent Agenda
None.	Announcements
None.	Audience Comments
Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Consent C). Alderman Butler, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Consent D). Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Ordinance C).	Standing Committees
Mayor Manier complimented Alderman Moss for another successful Wreaths Across America ceremony where there were close to 200 in attendance. Alderman Moss shared that this year’s event marked the 11 th year that we have taken part in the ceremony, the weather was beautiful, there were 826 wreaths sponsored this year, the Police Department Honor Guard presented the colors prior to the laying of the 7 ceremonial wreaths, the Patriot Guard Riders, Boy Scouts, and American Heritage Girls were present to help with laying the wreaths following the ceremony, and encouraged everyone to drive to the cemetery and take a look at all the wreaths if they get the opportunity.	Mayor’s Comments
Mayor Manier thanked City staff and Council for the fiscal responsibility over the years. He shared the levy has been kept half the amount since we became a home rule community, along with getting projects done and recovering from a disaster as well. He shared his disappointment that the high school board was passing their levy the same night that will raise taxes about \$100 in comparison to the City’s \$12 increase and didn’t get the same amount of attention as the City’s levy. Controller Baxter provided a brief synopsis of the levy ordinance that is being approved later on the agenda. Alderman Gee noted that the City’s levy will be a .3¢ increase going from .44¢ to .47¢. Mayor Manier shared that the City provides unbelievable public works, police, and fire services and have not added a lot of staff even though we have seen a 40% increase in population. He shared that staff has done a great job in providing tax levy information and getting it out to the public through social media as well as the City’s website.	
Mayor Manier read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the execution of a Severance Agreement and Release. Adoption of this resolution will authorize a Severance Agreement and Release between the City, a former employee, and Great Plains Laborers District Council, Local 231. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt resl, authrz severance agreement and release
Mayor Manier provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance levying the annual 2018 Municipal property tax for the City of Washington, County of Tazewell, State of Illinois. Adoption of this ordinance would set the City’s property tax levy for 2018, taxes payable in 2019, in the total amount of \$1,647,675. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. Alderman Butler shared that he enjoyed the public hearing last week and there are valid concerns. He provided a brief explanation on the City’s Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) and how it is used in determining the City’s levy amount, how mandated pensions play a part in the levy, how the tornado affected the City’s tax base, and how when you consider the math the increase in the General Fund levy has decreased in the last five-years (1.35%) each year. He shared he is uncertain on why this is a news story as the City has been responsible and it is more of a success story. Alderman Adams shared that it is a tough decision and he has spoken with a variety of residents on the issue. He shared that our portion is small but it can start to add up. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 1</u> Adams <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt ord, 2018 tax levy

1 st reading ord, annexation of 403 Charlotte Street; and agreement regarding digital orthophotography	<p>Mayor Manier provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance providing for the Annexation of certain territory contiguous to the City of Washington, Illinois, and is not now embraced within the corporate limits of the City of Washington, Illinois, owned by Devvonn Anderson located at 403 Charlotte Street. Adoption of this ordinance would annex a parcel at 403 Charlotte Street totaling 0.3 acres into the City of Washington corporate limits and to zone it R-1; and an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Washington and County of Tazewell for upgraded digital orthophotography. Adoption of this ordinance would authorize an agreement with Tazewell County for updated digital orthophotography. These ordinances will be listed on the next meeting agenda for action.</p>
Public Safety Update	<p>Police Chief McCoy shared that they are continuing to work with the Fire Department on dual dispatch services to ensure that all residents can receive Advanced Life Support (ALS) service.</p> <p>Fire Chief Traver went over a recent call outside our ALS protection where they were dual dispatched and during transport a patient with heart problems went unresponsive within several minutes and our paramedics took action and saved the patient’s life. He shared that another agency tells them that they should be able to get on scene, assess, and decide whether ALS is needed before dual dispatching. He shared in this situation, it shows that it is not possible, and the timing for them to be on scene when this patient called 911 made all the difference to the patient and should be available to all residents. He shared that Deputy Chief Stevens received an email on Thursday from the transported patient telling through their eyes what they saw happen quoting from the end of the email “I would much appreciate if you would help me find the officer and the two men who saved my life, they are real heroes and I would like to thank them.” Chief Traver introduced Mr. Tom Stecher, Regional EMS Manager, UnityPoint Health and asked him to step forward. Mr. Stecher shared that they provide medical direction and regulatory oversight for the Fire Department where he also enjoyed the benefit of being a paramedic for Washington between 2015 and 2017. He shared that if it were not for the quick thinking, the recognition and critical intervention with ALS the patient outcome would have been much worse and possibly not survived. He encouraged City Council to represent ALS and that effort for the City of Washington and congratulated Paramedics Drake Hart and Nicholas Connor for their efforts in life saving intervention for this patient. Chief Traver invited Paramedic Hart who was in the back of the ambulance with the patient to step forward where he shared his notes from the December 13th transport call. Mayor Manier asked Chief Traver to explain the dual dispatch to make sure everyone understands what it means. Chief Traver shared that a small section of the City of Washington is covered by Northern Tazewell Fire Department Ambulance and they are licensed at an Intermediate Life Support (ILS) level which has some differences from the ALS level on what paramedics can do and what intermediates can do. He shared that ILS is a great service and Washington was licensed at this level prior to becoming ALS around 1999. He shared that any call dispatch deems to be ALS both agencies would be dual dispatched and once on scene our paramedics assess the patient and if they deem them ALS Washington would transport and if they deem ILS Northern Tazewell would transport. He shared that dual dispatching assures that every resident in the corporate limits of Washington has the opportunity for ALS care in a timely manner. Alderman Butler shared that work is currently underway in creating an ordinance that will make this possible. Chief Traver asked EMS Coordinator Gary Foley and Paramedics Drake Hart and Nicholas Connor to step forward where EMS Coordinator Foley presented the Outstanding Patient Care Award to Paramedics Hart and Connor. Chief Traver expressed appreciation on behalf of the Fire Department for Paramedics Hart and Connor for their life saving efforts. Mayor Manier expressed his appreciation for a job well done.</p> <p>Alderman Gee asked if the sirens will be tested on the first Tuesday in January with it being a holiday and Deputy Chief Stevens reported that they will be tested.</p> <p>Public Works Manager Schone shared that they are currently undergoing emergency repairs at Water Treatment Plant #1 which should be completed tomorrow and will be coming before Council for post ratification at the next meeting.</p> <p>Public Works Director Andrews shared that a cross control connection device survey will be going out with the next newsletter relating to irrigation systems that are located in our community. He shared that these systems are required to be inspected every year and the survey is targeted to those who are not currently on our list of residents that are completing their annual inspection requirement.</p>
Aldermen’s Comments	<p>Alderman Dingleline expressed his appreciation for the paramedic response in this situation and really thanks all those who dedicate their time for this service.</p>
Adjournment	<p>At 7:04 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Butler seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u></p>