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**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order	A special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Manier at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.
Roll Call	<p>Present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, and Moss.</p> <p>Also present was Controller Baxter, Public Works Director Ed Andrews, Public Works Manager Kevin Schone, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Chief of Police Mike McCoy, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, Ray Forsythe, and Press.</p>
Pledge of Allegiance	All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Audience Comments	John Amdall shared comments regarding the budget review and are attached as part of these minutes. Liliya Stevens shared comments in regards to the upcoming election and are attached as part of these minutes.
Appointment: City Administrator	<p>Mayor Manier requested Council approval to appoint Ray Forsythe as City Administrator. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Adams seconded to concur with the appointment as presented. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt resl, City Administrator Employment Agreement	<p>Mayor Manier read a resolution, by title only, authorizing the execution of an Employment Agreement between the City of Washington and Ray Forsythe. Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt resl, amending Personnel Manual	<p>Mayor Manier read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, amending the Personnel Manual of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, by revising Article X Attendance and Leave. Adoption of this resolution would amend the City's Personnel Manual by adding the text of a previously designated paid holiday in 2005 for non-union personnel (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and designate Good Friday as a paid holiday for non-union personnel. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Budget Review: Water and Related Funds	Controller Baxter provided an overview of the following water and related funds: Water Fund with a projected balance at FYE 4/30/2020 of \$470,917 compared to a minimum standard balance of \$437,750; Water Subdivision Development Fee with a projected balance at FYE 4/30/2020 of \$298,445; Water Connection Fee with a projected balance at FYE 4/30/2020 of \$771,965; and Water Tank Reserve with a projected balance at FYE 4/30/2020 of \$52,791.
Adjournment	At 7:24 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>


Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk

Comments

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Subject: Document titled “Budget Review - Water and Related Funds”

Thank you to the City Council of Washington for your work efforts to establish a fair and balanced budget across the dozens of separate funds required in municipal accounting – and to do this complex work in an open and transparent manner.

We especially appreciate the top-level summary “Budget Review” document provided to help us understand each major category of the budget.

We are surprised by the “Budget Review” document for tonight's discussion.... because it does NOT include reference to implementation of a revised and improved water rate structure.

We understood that the \$25,000 that was requested for the consultant would result in a proposed new water rate structure that would incentivize those that use unusually large amounts of water to implement technologies to reduce their water use. Significant reduction in water use could potentially eliminate or delay the requirement for the third water tower.

We understood that the consultant would deliver a valid, vetted proposal based on successful experiences of other municipalities across the nation. We are disappointed to see no mention of implementation of a revised and improved water rate structure in the budget for FY19-20.

Thank you.

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To: Washington City Council
From: Liliya Stevens-1102 Westgate Road

You have seen me regularly at committee and council meetings for over two years now.

I addressed this Council numerous times when I requested that you pass a resolution to put the question on the ballot for voters to decide if Washington should have nonpartisan city elections. The question ended up on the ballot due to a citizen petition. The voters spoke.

A week from tomorrow, April 2nd, will be our first nonpartisan City election. Every ward has a choice of two candidates. When my ward 1 alderman, Bob Brucks, decided not to run for re-election, I decided to throw my hat into the ring and become a candidate. Thank you Bob for your years of serving Ward 1.

These past few weeks, I have spoken to numerous public and ^{service} ~~social~~ groups, and I appreciate this opportunity to speak before the group I wish to become a part of.

I am an established homeowner having lived in Washington for 28 years with my husband Roger. I have already demonstrated my commitment to our community's future and will continue to do so.

I AM good for Washington.

Thank you.