CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 LIBRARY MEETING ROOM 380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, November 4, 2019 to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.

Call to Order

Present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, and Yoder.

Roll Call

Also present was City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Controller Joanie Baxter, Public Works Manager Kevin Schone, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Deputy Chief of Police Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and Press.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.

Agenda Review

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular City Council meeting; payment authorization: TIF pay request #3, S & S Properties, 116-126 Peoria Street; payment authorization: TIF pay request, Jeff Woods, 108-112 N. Main Street; payment authorization: 2019 digital orthophotography; and approval of TIF Joint Review Board Report. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:

Approve Consent Agenda

Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Manier read a proclamation proclaiming November 30, 2019 as Small Business Saturday. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Stevens seconded to accept the proclamation as read. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:

<u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Proclamation: Small Business Saturday

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

P & D Director Oliphant read a proclamation partnering with the 2020 Census to help ensure an accurate count for the City of Washington. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Stevens seconded to accept the proclamation as read. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:

<u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

<u>Nays: 0</u>

Proclamation: U.S. Census 2020

Motion declared carried.

Toni Minton, representing the Washington Historical Society as Chairman of the Walldog Committee, shared information in regards to the 2022 Walldog Festival that is being planned as a celebration leading up to the City's Bicentennial in 2025. She shared the Committee is very excited that Washington was chosen to showcase our town's historical stories through painted murals. She noted the following: Walldog artists will blend with local artists as part of a 4-day festival that will be held July 27-30, 2022; this is a once in a lifetime event that will be remembered for years to come; efforts will be undertaken to inform the community on what to expect during the festival; a flyer has been prepared that provides more information; outreach into the community is just beginning and enthusiasm about the festival is being received; prevents to the festival are being planned to involve the whole community to help set the scene; the festival will be one of many celebrations leading up to our Bicentennial in 2025; and this festival will be a way of painting the past for the future for many years to come. She shared she looks forward to sharing more information about the festival as it unfolds and that she is available to answer any questions.

Audience Comments

Nick Cohen addressed the Council regarding the high school student parking issues and requested that all restricted parking signs be removed from the city streets. He shared he read an article that shows enrollment increasing by 8% and communicated with Dr. Freeman at the High School about current issues with students parking on city streets. He shared his concerns with the current student parking on W. Adams Street, Tiezzi Lane only having 3 houses and shouldn't need restricted parking; the safety concerns with students walking on streets with no sidewalks; and snow plows going around parked cars that cause driveway concerns. He shared his review of the existing signs show that of 9 signs only 3 have the correct signage and the 2-hour parking signs should be taken down. He indicated the unfairness in having restricted parking on certain streets causing students to park on streets further out like W. Adams Street.

Alderman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, reported nothing to be brought forward for consideration.

Finance & Personnel Committee

Alderman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, reported nothing to be brought forward for consideration. He called on Fire Chief Traver and Deputy Chief of Police Stevens who had nothing to report.

Public Safety Committee

Alderman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, reported the resolution authorizing temporary technical assistance agreements for engineering services is being brought forward for consideration under Resolutions on the agenda.

Public Works Committee

Mayor Manier shared that Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held in Glendale Cemetery on Saturday, December 14th at 11:00 a.m. and wreaths can be purchased for a veteran up until the first of December. He shared that 7 Veterans will also be placing ceremonial wreaths at the Veterans Memorial in the cemetery and to contact Carol Moss for more information about purchasing a wreath. He shared that the 25th Annual Mayor's Prayer

Mayor's Comments

Mayor's Comments, Cont.)

Breakfast will be Thursday, November 21st at Countryside Banquet Facility. Alderman Adams provided information on the upcoming Tournament of Champions noting the following: begins Tuesday, November 26th and runs through the 30th; basketball teams come from all over; Coach Kevin Brown's life will be honored; the event will have 50-60 volunteers; Thanksgiving dinner will be held for teams at Countryside Banquet Facility; and it is a great event to have in our community.

City Administrator Comments City Administrator Forsythe shared the resolution for a technical assistance engineering contract will allow us to continue to work with the engineering firms we currently have existing relationships with, allows for day to day engineering services while we seek a replacement, state statute allows for us to contract with existing firms, and our procurement policy will be followed.

Adopt resl, adopting Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, adopting the Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the City of Washington, IL. Adoption of this resolution would formally adopt the updated mitigation plan, which among other things, allows the City to become eligible for federal mitigation grant funds in the event of a natural disaster. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt resl, authorizing Temporary Technical Assistance Agreements, Engineering Services City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the execution of Temporary Technical Assistance Agreements for Engineering Services. Adoption of this resolution would authorize the potential execution of temporary technical assistance agreements to assist in the implementation of the 2019/2020 Capital Improvement Program as well as day-to-day engineering services. The listed firms have an existing relationship with the City of Washington through existing or past contracts for services related to the Capital Improvement Program. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Adams seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, amending Chapter 115, allowing mobile vendors on ROW & public property City Administrator Forsythe 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 115 entitled "Hawkers, Peddlers, Transient Merchants and Itinerant Vendors." Adoption of this ordinance would allow for Mobile Vendors to operate in the Washington city limits on right-of-way or on public property. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Black seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, establishing SSA 2, N. Lawndale Ave.

City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance establishing the Special Services Area Number 2 in the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois and the Levy of Taxes. Adoption of this ordinance would establish a Special Service Area to finance certain improvements, infrastructure, and facilities constituting special services, including, but not limited to, installation and/or maintenance of sanitary lateral, sump line, and water service improvements along N. Lawndale Avenue. Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Yoder seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

<u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, establishing SSA 3, W. Holland St.

City Administrator Forsythe provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance establishing the Special Services Area Number 3 in the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois and the Levy of Taxes. Adoption of this ordinance would establish a Special Service Area to finance certain improvements, infrastructure, and facilities constituting special services, including, but not limited to, installation and/or maintenance of sanitary lateral, sump line, and water service improvements along W. Holland Street. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

<u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Alderman's Comments

Alderman Stevens thanked City Administrator Forsythe for having the goal setting workshop and asked for a summary to be given. City Administrator Forsythe shared they are working through the information and hope to have something posted tomorrow with a draft document at the next meeting. He shared they received 830 survey responses and the top issues from the survey reflected the same top issue results from the workshop.

Adjournment

At 6:59 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote</u>.

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk