

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2020

Five Points Washington – Banquet Room

6:30 p.m.

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, October 5, 2020 to order at 6:30 p.m. in a Banquet Room D at Five Points Washington.

Roll Call Physically Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, and Yoder.

Approve Remote Mayor Manier brought forth the request to accept the remote attendance of
Electronic Alderman Adams and Stevens. Hearing no objections, acceptance was made upon roll
Attendance of call of Alderman Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens and
Elected Officials Yoder.

Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Review The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.

Approve Consent Mayor Manier present the Consent Agenda for approval or items A, B, C, D, E and G.
Agenda Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to accept the Consent
Agenda.

No questions were presented.

On roll call on the motion to approve with the noted change vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Announcements None

Audience Comments Tanya Place from Main Street shared that she has dealt with water in her yard for 92 days. She shared that she called J.U.L.I.E come to her house on July 6th to dig up her yard at which time the hole filled with water. Ms. Place went on to share that her neighbor also had water issues in his yard. She continued to share that she called the City on the 6th and they responded on the 7th at which time she could hear rushing water when the City building door was opened. She stated that when the city shut the water off, Ms. Place's yard dried up. She shared that she called numerous times, submitted the claim with insurance and was told that it was not covered by her insurance. Ms. Place provided a packet of photos with Council and shared that Mr. Weaver got stuck in her driveway due to water. She noted that water bills didn't increase. Ms. Place explained that she wasn't there, but when water was tested, she was told that it contained trace levels of chlorine. She has lived here 9 years, is a good resident and feels city is liable for damage. She stated the City sent out an adjuster from Chicago to investigate while she was out of town. She thanked Alderman Stevens for encouraging her to attend the Council meeting. Ms. Place went on to share that she has spoken with an attorney regarding this issue. She shared that there was

contradicting information about water hook up in the building. She encouraged Council and Staff to review her photos and thanked everyone for listening. A brief discussion took place between Mayor Manier and Ms. Place regarding communication issues. Mayor Manier verified with Mr. Forsythe that the issue would be reviewed further by the City.

City Clerk Brod stated that she received no public comments via email.

Standing Committee: Alderman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, shared that Council will bring Finance & Personnel Committee four ordinances forward for approval.

Standing Committee: Alderman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, stated that there were no new Public Safety reports to bring forward at this time. Chief McCoy stated that there were no new reports to bring forward at this time. Alderman Stevens asked Chief McCoy for an update regarding the reports of a man grabbing women in Washington. Chief McCoy shared that the investigation is on-going and that there are no new incidents reported.

Standing Committee: Alderman Mike Brownfield, shared that they brought forward four pay requests on Public Works update the Consent Agenda and those items were approved for payment. Mr. Brownfield introduced Public Works Director, Kevin Shone to provide project updates. Mr. Schone shared details about the Storm Pump Reconditioning project. He shared that the storm pumps pump extra water during rain events. Last year, the Public Works Department noticed that Pump One was not pumping as efficiently as the other pumps. After testing, they found that Pump One was in need of reconditioning. They budgeted \$18,000 for repair of the pump and request approval of a bid for \$15,008.83 with an overall budget of \$18,000 which would allow for unforeseen issues, should they arise.

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Adams seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. There were no questions or comments provided.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Alderman Mike Brownfield brought forward a Bid Award for the Cummings Sewer Main Extension. City Engineer, Dennis Carr shared details about the project including the need of the installation of an eight-inch sanitary sewer across Cummings Lane near the future sight of Freedom Parkway allowing new development to tie into the sanitary sewer. Staff had received three bids Hoerr Construction coming in under the budgeted price. Staff requested the approval of Hoerr's bid of 44750.00.

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. There were no questions or comments provided.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

City Planning and Development Director, Jon Oliphant provided the following updates; a pre-application was submitted to IEMA for consideration of a possible flood mitigation project in Washington Estates Subdivision, they are still seeking feedback to bring back to the Public Works Committee. This will help going forward with FEMA. This project would require 25% local cost share. Further consideration will be completed

Public Works Director, Kevin Schone provided the following updates; the City is considering the purchase of an F250 truck and bids are being sought. He is including quotes from local dealers; the State of Illinois has opened bids for road salt. The price was similar to last year at \$85 per ton; Public Works is preparing to replace curbs this year if possible.

City Engineer, Dennis Carr provided the following updates; the Lawndale Project is working on curbs and ready to address handicap ramps and a final driveway. Stratford has been curing and placement of the bridge deck beams are on their way. He noted a caution to residents in that area that the road is going to get crowded with large trucks during this time. He asks for patience. The Holland properties have been switched to the new mains and installation of the new storm sewer is underway. The N. Main Street project is pouring curbs with a slight delay due to contractor equipment failure. The contractor is moving forward by forming curbs by hand. They will then move their focus to the bike path.

Mayor: Mayor Gary Manier had no items to address.

City Administrator: City Administrator Forsythe provided the first reading for the following ordinances:

1st reading ords,
Revise Ordinance
Restating the Rules of
Procedure
Item A

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance would amend the Rules of Procedure to reflect changes in the Open Meetings Act; City of Washington Code Amendments which are included in the Rules of Procedure; and other sections related to the Order of Business and Agenda; Recording of Votes; and Legal Opinions; however it was determined that the Rules of Procedure approved on September 8 inadvertently failed to include all provisions of Section 10 "Remote Attendance by Council Members" that was approved by Resolution No. 1305

1st reading ords,
Revised Ordinance
Clarifying Class W
Liquor Licenses
Item B

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance clarify the Class W Liquor Licenses to include specific parameters for wineries and make the authorization explicit in language consistent with other liquor license classifications and allow these manufacturing -themed location an authority to sell both package and on-premise consumption liquors that is similar to a Class A or bar license.

1st reading ords,
approving TIF
Funding Request –
Sentimental Journey,
123 Washington
Square
Item C

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance would approve the TIF funding request by Sentimental Journey for \$21,592.51 and the not-to-exceed subsidy to \$8,637.00

1st reading ords,
approving TIF
Funding Request –
Goldenfinch
Boutique, 120 N.
Main St.
Item D

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance would approve the TIF funding request by Goldenfinch Boutique for \$12,400.90

1st reading ords,
approving TIF
Funding Request –
Brunk's Sports
Center, 122 N. Main
St.
Item E

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance would approve the TIF funding request by Brunk's Sports Center for \$31,142.00

1st reading ords,
Establishing
Compensation
(Washington -
Mayor)
Item F

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance would increase the elected Mayor's compensation which would increase annually to account for increased in cost-of-living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, as published by the United States Social Security Administration.

Mayor Manier stated that he feels the current Mayor's compensation is adequately funded.

1st reading ords,
Establishing
Compensation
(Washington -
Alderman) (aka:
Council Members)
Item G

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance would increase the elected Alderman's compensation which would increase annually to account for increased in cost-of-living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, as published by the United States Social Security Administration.

1st reading ords,
Establishing
Compensation
(Washington - City
Clerk)
Item H

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance would increase the elected City Clerk's compensation which would increase annually to account for increased in cost-of-living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, as published by the United States Social Security Administration.

1st reading ords,
Establishing
Compensation
(Washington - City
Treasurer)
Item I

City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance would increase the elected City Treasurer's compensation which would increase annually to account for increased in cost-of-living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, as published by the United States Social Security Administration.

Aldermen's
Comments

No comments were provided.

Adjournment

At 7:00 p.m. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri Brod, City Clerk