

# CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

## City Council Meeting

Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Five Points, Washington Banquet Room

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, March 15, 2021 to order at 6:30 p.m. in a banquet room at Five Points, Washington, 360 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois
Roll Call	Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder.
Also Present	City Administrator Ray Forsythe, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Police Chief Mike McCoy, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine and City Clerk Valeri Brod
Present Remotely	Finance Director Joanie Baxter
Pledge of Allegiance	Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance, Alderman Dingledine requested a moment of silence to honor past Alderman Jim Neuman. All present stood for a moment of silence as well as the Pledge of Allegiance lead by guest Boy/Cub Scouts.
Agenda Review	The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.
Approve Consent Agenda	Alderman Brownfield requested items three and five be removed from the Public Works Standing Committee Agenda and instead, be presented to the Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items:

- a) Approval of minutes of March 15, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting
- b) Monthly Financial Reports through February 28, 2021
- c) Bid Award - Hot Mix Asphalt
- d) Bid Award - Concrete
- e) Bid Award - Concrete Assistance
- f) Bid Award - Softener Salt
- g) Bid Award - Tree Maintenance
- h) Bid Award - Weed Spraying

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Adams seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Announcements and Proclamations	Mayor Manier introduced Police Chief Mike McCoy to swear in new Police Officer, Tyler Hodges. Chief McCoy share that Mr. Hodges was originally from Metamora, attended Western Illinois University and served as an officer with the Peoria Police Department before coming to Washington. Chief McCoy swore in Officer Hodges whose wife then presented him with his pin.
Audience Comments	City Clerk Brod shared that an email was received and distributed to Council prior to the start of the meeting.
Standing Committee- Finance & Personnel Committee	Chairman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, shared that there are no agenda items for this meeting.
Standing Committee- Public Safety Committee	Chairman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, shared that there is one ordinance being presented tonight then introduced Chief McCoy to share any updates. Chief McCoy shared that the March Monthly Report was sent out and he welcomed input from anyone who might have questions.
Standing Committee- Public Works Committee	Chairman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, invited City Engineer Dennis Carr to provide information about the Hilldale Project. Mr. Carr shared that Hutchinson provided plans to the city for the first section on Hilldale. The City received five bids for the work that was estimated at about \$1.75 million. The City budgeted \$2.2 million and Stark Excavating provided the lowest bid, just over \$1.5 million. Mr. Carr felt the bids were very competitive and asked for approval.

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Adams seconded.

Alderman Brownfield noted that it was good to see companies competing for these jobs.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Chairman Mike Brownfield, invited City Engineer Dennis Carr to provide information about the Hilldale Construction Engineering Agreement Phase 3. Mr. Carr shared that this job is similar to the Lawndale project and the City was impressed with Hutchinson's performance so they chose to work with them again. The City budgeted \$250,000 and this came in under budget at \$246,000.

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Steven seconded.

Alderman Brownfield thanked Shane form Hutchinson for his hard work.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Chairman Mike Brownfield, invited City Engineer Dennis Carr to provide information about the Right-of-Way purchase of the Meier Property. Mr. Carr shared that they are nearing the end of the design portion of the Centennial Rec Trail Project and this is a final piece. Mr. Carr noted that this purchase is necessary because it will help shift the trail from the impact of storm water. The appraisal for the property was \$18,000. Staff is asking for approval of \$18,000 to purchase the property.

Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Alderman Brownfield introduced Public Works Director Kevin Schone who provided the following updates. The Gillman Sump Project has received a few complaints from homeowners about digging and seeding. Mr. Schone assured them that their yards will be restored upon project completion. Chief McCoy noted that he received concerns about equipment parked on the roadway. Mr. Shone asked for patience during the project.

Alderman Brownfield introduced Planning and Zoning Director Jon Oliphant who shared the following updates. The public portion of the Comprehensive Plan will start next Thursday via ZOOM. The primary portion is to have four roundtable topics. There is a “call in and ask anything” session. He noted that input will be sought throughout the planning process.

Alderman Brownfield introduced Mr. Carr to share updates. Mr. Carr noted that Holland and Market is being worked on and waiting on a utility company to move a line that was placed under a handicap ramp. He shared that Bobolink started today with 4-5 driveways. They let the homeowners know that they are a day behind due to a delay from a provider. Mr. Carr shared that they are addressing the puddling on Stratford and MTCO is relocating lines on Hilldale.

Mayor

Mayor Manier thanked staff for their work on the budget.

City Administrator  
*Budget Review*

City Administrator Forsythe provided shared that the Heiders withdrew their TIF request and will likely present it at a later time. Mr. Forsythe also stated that the Monthly Reports on the Consent Agenda show we had very strong revenues again and these were the highest revenues on record.

Adopt Resolution:  
*Lawndale Rear Yard  
Sanitary Sewer  
Easements*

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title and brief synopsis: a resolution authorizing the execution of eight permanent sanitary sewer easement grants along the rear yard sewer on Lawndale Avenue.

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded.

Alderman Stevens asked if this is where the \$10 comes in. Mr. Carr confirmed.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt Resolution:  
*Funding Method –  
IDOT Traffic Signal  
Upgrades*

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, a resolution approving a joint funding agreement with Illinois department of Transportation to modernize the signals along IL Rt 8 at Summit and School Streets and on McCluggage at Freedom Parkway.

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adopt Resolution:  
*Authorizing the FY  
21-22 GIS Contract*

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, a resolution approving a geographic information systems (GIS) technical services contract with Cloudpoint Geospatial, Inc.

Alderman Stevens moved and Alderman Yoder seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

2nd Reading  
Ordinance:  
*Adopting of Life  
Safety Codes as  
Enforced by the  
Office of the State  
Fire Marshal*

City Administrator Forsythe provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the current International Building Code, International Residential Code and International Mechanical Code from the 2012 edition to the 2018 edition, while exempting the requirement for sprinklers for single- and two-family residential buildings.

Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

2nd Reading  
Ordinance:  
*authorizing the First  
Time Homebuyers  
Program*

City Administrator Forsythe provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the use of the annual Volume Cap for the Assist 2021-First Time Homebuyers' Program.

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Stevens seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Ordinance:

*approving the  
Washington Chamber  
of Commerce  
Agreement for  
provision of Tourism  
and Economic  
Development Services*

City Administrator Forsythe provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Washington and the Washington Chamber of Commerce regarding tourism and economic development services for a one-year period.

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Adams seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

1st Reading

Ordinance:

*Amending Liquor  
License Clarifications  
and Consolidations*

City Administrator Forsythe provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the current language to be more concise and reduce the number of license designations.

1st Reading

Ordinance:

*Adopting the Annual  
Budget for FY 2021-  
2022*

City Administrator Forsythe provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance approving the City of Washington's Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending on April 30, 2022

Alderman Stevens asked if items in the budget are automatically approved or do they need to go to Council. Mr. Forsythe shared that individual items would come to Council.

Alderman's  
Comments

None were provided.

Adjournment

At 7:56 p.m. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Stevens seconded to move.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Valeri Brod, City Clerk