

# City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. In the Library in Five Points, 360 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois

**Call to Order** Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, October 18, 2021 to order at 6:30 p.m.

with a quorum present.

Roll Call Present and answering roll call were Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield,

Stevens and Yoder

Absent were: Alderpersons Butler and Dingledine

Also Present City Engineer Dennis Carr, Planning and Zoning Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director

Kevin Schone, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, and City

Attorney Derek Schryer

Pledge of Allegiance Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance, all stood in a moment of silence to recognize Five Points

board member Dick Benson who recently passed away.

Harper Cobb, daughter of former Alderperson Daniel Cobb, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Audience Comments** None provided at this time.

Review Agenda for Deletions or Additions Alderperson Brownfield motioned and Alderperson Stevens seconded to table the second reading of the Sanitary Lateral Ordinance, agenda item XI-A.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Stevens and Yoder.

Nays: 0

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of minutes: September 10, 2021 Special City Council Meeting, October 4, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting and October 13, 2021 Special City Council Meeting
- B. Bills and Payroll
- C. Purchase Authorization 2021 Tournament of Champions

Alderperson Brownfield moved and Alderperson Adams seconded.

Alderperson Adams asked for clarification on a bill for the Phase 2B project. City Engineer Carr offered to gather specifics regarding the bills for the project.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

#### Announcements and Proclamations

Enterprise WEX Fuel Card Presentation – Mr. Carr came forward to explain that the City uses a diesel fuel storage tank that has a crack in one of the two shells. Mr. Carr also shared that the City currently uses a BP Fuel Card which is used at Brecklin's for other fuel for which they receive a \$.02 discount. He stated that they need to decommission the cracked fuel tank before it leaks. Mr. Carr explained the options are to build a new tank for storage or consider a fuel card which could be used for diesel fuel at Phillips 66/Beck's Gas Station which the City would also receive a \$.05 discount on diesel fuel if used. Lindsey Ireland, an account representative for the Enterprise leasing program shared details about the WEX Card program. She shared that the WEX program is a partnership with Phillips 66 providers and is open for both regular and diesel fuels. Lindsey shared other stations that the WEX Card could be used, which included discounts given at Casey's. She stated that each vehicle has their own fuel card with its own pin and an odometer reading is required when using the card. This would allow the City to receive data on specific vehicles. Mr. Carr noted that they would want to continue to use Brecklin's for regular fuels. Mayor Manier noted that they are not looking for action tonight but wanted to make this option known to Council. Alderperson Brownfield asked for clarifications about the current process. Mr. Carr stated that the drivers have to go into the counter to use their card and sometimes the odometer readings are not always included on the receipts. Alderperson Adams asked if there were prices gathered for the tank replacement. It was noted that the current tank sits behind the Police Department and is an accident waiting to happen.

## Finance & Personnel Committee

In the absence of a chairman, the Mayor shared that there are no items to bring forward from the Finance & Personnel Committee.

#### Public Safety Committee

In the absence of Chairman Brian Butler, Alderperson Yoder introduced Police Chief Mike McCoy to provide an update. Chief McCoy shared that they have two students currently attending school and they are both performing higher than the class average. Chief McCoy also shared that they have a new officer from Bradley who is currently in training and our new K-9 is receiving training as well. He went on to share that Officer Westbrook will return to work soon but Officer Beebe will be out a while longer with his injury. Chief McCoy shared that they are continuing to test applicants and they have received a few new squad cars that are being outfitted with communication equipment.

#### Public Works Committee

Chairman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, introduced City Engineer Carr who shared information regarding the Centennial Recreation Trail Agreement. Mr. Carr stated that the project came over budget but it will be spread out over two years. He noted that the City budgeted for the engineering portion of the project and IDOT is requiring the use of specific software. He noted Millenia Engineering has done several other City projects well due to their field decision making skills. Mr. Carr shared that the City budgeted \$65,000 and the agreement with Millenia is \$64,863.

Alderperson Brownfield moved and Alderperson Adams seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Chairman Mike Brownfield introduced Public Works Director Kevin Schone to provide details about the Rock Salt Agreement. Mr. Schone stated that the State of Illinois opened bid and if no one contests the bid, it will bring a savings of approximately \$40 from last year's unit price. Mr. Schone also shared that work on a water leak on Jefferson Street showed that a valve was leaking and they have fixed the valve. He also shared that brush pick-up started this week and they have also received the new mower. He went on to share that they will start to calibrate for snow operations soon and they have two open department positions for which they will start the interview process.

Mr. Carr shared that they have been reviewing contracts for the Phase 2B project and hope to bring information to the next Council meeting. He also shared that they have received the final drainage plans for the Trails Edge project and they will be able to restrict outflow pipe from 30 inches down to 27 inches which will decrease the water outflow by 6 cubic feet per

second for everyone downstream of the project. He stated that this is an improvement for everyone downstream. Mr. Carr shared that Hilldale will be finishing the driveways soon, Lawndale, Holland and Bobolink will be sodding soon, North Street is waiting on Ameren and Kingsbury overlay will start soon.

Jon Oliphant said the next Comprehensive Plan meeting will likely be late next month and also have a series of Q&A sessions.

#### Mayor

Mayor Manier presented former Alderperson Daniel Cobb with a plaque in appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the City of Washington.

Mr. Cobb shared that he had a great experience working with staff and council. He shared that he will continue to watch from his new home and wished everyone the best.

#### Adopt Resolution:

Annual FY22 PPUATS Joint Funding Agreement Mayor Manier provided the following resolution, by title and brief synopsis: A resolution approving the Annual Fiscal Year 2022 PPUATS Joint Funding Agreement.

Alderperson Brownfield moved and Alderperson Adams seconded.

#### Motion carried by roll call vote:

<u>Ayes: 6</u> Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u>

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance:

Sanitary Lateral Ordinance Mayor Manier provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would amend chapter 52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois regarding the connection and repair of private sanitary sewer laterals and the discharging of sump pumps and perimeter tiles into sanitary sewers.

This ordinance was tabled.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance:

Entry Upon Premises Ordinance Mayor Manier provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would amend Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois regarding the right of entry to examine water connections.

Alderperson Adams moved and Alderperson Brownfield seconded.

Alderperson Stevens asked Mr. Carr to clarify why the ordinance is being changed. Mr. Carr shared that the revised ordinance will give the City permission to enter a homeowner's property if a water leak were to happen on the City's side of the water meter. It will also allow the City to shut off water if a homeowner does not repair a leak in a specified amount of time.

#### Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Stevens, Yoder Nays: 0

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance:

Square TIF District Extension

Mayor Manier provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would extend and amend the Downtown Square Redevelopment Plan and Project of the City of Washington, Illinois for the Downtown Square Redevelopment Project area.

## Alderperson's Comments

Alderpersons Brownfield and Adams thanked Mr. Cobb and wished him well in his recent job change and move to Georgia. Alderperson Adams also congratulated the Central Girls Cross Country on a first place finish at State as well as all the middle schools who sent students to State this year.

| Adjournment | At 7:02 p.m. Alderperson Brownfield moved and Alderperson Adams seconded to move. |
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|             | Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.   |
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|             | Valeri Brod, City Clerk   |