



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
In the Washington Fire Department at 200 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2022 to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call Present: Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder.

Also Present City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Stevens, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, and City Attorney Brittney Miller

Pledge of Allegiance All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Manier.

Citizens Wishing to be Heard None at this time

Review Agenda for Deletions or Additions None at this time.

Agenda Review The agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of January 3, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Bills and Payroll
- C. Accept & Place on File: Monthly Financial Report for period through November 30, 2021
- D. Acceptance of the Police Pension Fund Actuarial Report
- E. 2022 Council and Committee Meetings Schedule Updates
- F. 2021 Year End Review - Development Summary Report
- G. TIF Pay Request - Jake Webber, Country Financial, 105 Washington Square

Aldersperson Brownfield moved and Aldersperson Adams seconded.

City Administrator Jim Snider introduced Planning and Zoning Director Jon Oliphant who shared updated details regarding Agenda Item G. Mr. Oliphant explained that there are two items yet to be finished in the space at 105 Washington Square, so those items have been removed from the final total of Agenda Item G. The new total to be approved will be \$65,715.67 with the recommended TIF payment of \$21,666.24. In lieu of making this a separate agenda item, it was suggested to amend the motion. Aldersperson Adams addressed Agenda Item E, expressing his concern for the amount of time for and between meetings. Aldersperson Stevens shared a line in the minutes from January 3, 2022 stating that the minutes of the December 20, 2021 meeting were not amended to accept the additions in text she suggested because the motion was not amended. Mayor explained that those meeting minutes are not on this meeting's agenda. Attorney Miller explained how to make a

motion to add an agenda item to the next meeting that would amend the December 20, 2021 minutes, clarifying that a vote cannot be taken for something that is not on this agenda. Alderperson Stevens expressed that Council didn't have an issue with making the edits and that she didn't want to make this an issue so she is dropping the request. A brief discussion took place reviewing the timing needed to hold meetings. The general consensus was to leave the meeting schedule as previously presented.

Alderperson Brownfield amended his motion to accept the new Consent Agenda with the meeting schedule that was previously approved and amend the updated TIF payment amount of \$21,666.24 to Jake Webber at 105 Washington Square. Alderperson Adams seconded the motion.

Alderperson Dingledine noted that committee meetings may be changed on a need basis.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

**Announcements and
Proclamations**

Mayor Manier read aloud details of a Proclamation honoring Christian Vercler by the Washington Historical Society for their annual Roots Celebration Day.

Alderperson Dingledine moved and Alderperson Adams seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Mayor Manier read aloud details of a Proclamation honoring Marcus Jarboe the Washington Historical Society for their annual Roots Celebration Day.

Alderperson Adams moved and Alderperson Brownfield seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

**Finance & Personnel
Committee**

Finance and Personnel Committee Chairman Butler shared that there are no business items to bring forward at this time.

**Public Safety
Committee**

Public Safety Committee Chairman Adams shared that they are presenting two items. He Introduced Deputy Chief Stevens who provided a memo and explained that the EMA will help join the new County-wide radio system which is to be operational June 2022. This will allow real-time communications with storm spotters. They ask for approval for the 20 radios in an amount not to exceed \$50,159.20

Alderperson Dingledine moved and Alderperson Butler seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Deputy Chief Stevens brought forth details about the purchase of police radios. He explained that the only thing unusual about the request is that they applied for a State Grant of over \$100,000. He shared that they are asking for the whole amount of \$124,474.28 only if that grant is approved. He noted these would be purchased in the upcoming fiscal year, however supply chain issues and requirements of the grant, makes them uncertain that they won't receive the radios if they are not ordered right away. This will then require a budget amendment at the end of the year.

Aldersperson Adams moved and Aldersperson Yoder seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Deputy Chief Stevens provided department updates sharing that the biggest news is the traffic issue around the high school due to the watermain break. He stated they had three officers around the control points and hopes that the patch will be ready tomorrow night and they will only have one more day of the traffic situation.

**Public Works
Committee**

Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield introduced Public Works Director Schone who shared that they are getting camera training this week. He also shared that they are demolishing part of the old waste water treatment plant and felt it was a good project to do internally which will result in a cost savings. He noted a couple trucks are down but hopes to have them back on Wednesday or Thursday. He also shared that bids should be advertised tomorrow, for opening in two weeks.

City Engineer Carr shared that they poured the patch at the water main break but due to the cold temperatures, it doesn't cure as fast. He noted that they will cut the pavement cuts in the morning and that breakage was likely due to low temperatures. Mr. Carr also shared that the city-wide stormwater study is still in works and the hydraulics for channels north of RT24 have been evaluated. He shared that they are reviewing where 50- and 100-year flood encroaches on homes and hope to find different solutions to eliminate them from the flood plain. Mr. Carr shared that the project was selected by the Illinois Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers to be presented at their State Conference. Mr. Carr went on to share that the Phase 2B Alternate Analysis is working on the website and should be active. The questionnaire has been refined to make it more understandable to residents and it will be sent out tomorrow morning. He also shared that the draft report will be sent out in about two weeks and Freedom Parkway has received the update from Terra and is still on target for the June lending with possibly an August construction date. Mr. Carr shared that Hilldale is looking to begin again, possibly April first instead of May first. He also noted that he and Ross will start to look into the 2022 MFT work.

Jon Oliphant share that there is a mention that US Department of Treasury may allow ARPA funds to include general or administrative costs for a municipality.

Mayor

None at this time.

City Administrator

None at this time.

Adopt Resolution:

None at this time.

2nd Reading Ordinance:

None at this time.

1st Reading Ordinance:

City Administrator Jim Snider provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would authorize the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Washington and County of Tazewell for animal and rabies control services.

**Aldersperson's
Comments**

Aldersperson Stevens expressed her disappointment that it is difficult with the procedure to amend motions regarding adding Jeff and Kelly Pohl's names mentioned in the joint venture with CL Enterprises.

Alderson Blundy asked Mr. Oliphant when they would see the Final Plat for Section 9 of Trails Edge. Mr. Oliphant clarified that Section 9 will include everything that would have been included in Sections 9 and 10 but will now be labeled as only Section 9.

Adjournment At 6:54 p.m. Alderson Adams moved and Alderson Brownfield seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri Brod, City Clerk