



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
In the library meeting room at Five Points, 380 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois

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

Roll Call Present: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Stevens and Yoder
Remote: None
Absent: Butler, Dingedine,

Also Present City Administrator Jim Snider, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, City Attorney Brittany Miller and Press

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 Alderperson Stevens requested a special meeting on June 20th instead of a special meeting before the Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 13th due to absences from Council. Mayor Manier stated that it is not yet known who will be in attendance. Alderperson Stevens clarified her statement, explaining that it was not her intent to schedule a Special Meeting, but instead she preferred discussion items to be moved to the June 20, 2022 regular meeting, allowing greater attendance from Council members.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of May 16, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting and December 13, 2021 Special City Council Meeting
- B. Accept Monthly Reports for periods ended March 31, 2022 and April 30, 2022 (Unaudited)
- C. Accept the Police Pension Fund Annual Report per 40 ILCS 5/3-141
- D. Approve Health Insurance Renewal – Intergovernmental Personnel Benefits Cooperative (IPBC)
- E. Approve Dental Insurance Renewal – Guardian
- F. Ratification of Change Order for Code Codification – Municode
- G. Ratification of Change Order for Voice Over IP Telephone System – Heart Technologies
- H. Approve Holland Private Utility Pay Request #4 - Final
- I. Approve Lawndale Private Utility Pay Request #6 - Final
- J. Approve Lawndale Road Pay Request #12 - Final
- K. Approve WTP #2 Original Filter & Softener Media Replacement Authorization
- L. Approve WWTP Sludge Storage Tank Maintenance Authorization

Alderperson Stevens moved to accept the Consent Agenda with a change to a sentence to read “local cost share” and Alderperson Adams seconded.

Attorney Miller provided a few spelling corrections to the December 13, 2021 minutes.

Alderperson Stevens amended her motion to accept the Consent Agenda to include Attorney Miller’s corrections, Alderperson Adams seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:
Ayes: 5 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Stevens and Yoder
Nays: 0

Announcements and Proclamations Mayor Manier read a proclamation proclaiming June 19, 2022 as Juneteenth Community Celebration Day. Alderperson Brownfield moved and Alderperson Stevens seconded to accept the proclamation as read.

Motion carried by roll call vote:
Ayes: 5 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Stevens and Yoder
Nays: 0

Finance & Personnel Committee	Nothing at this time.
Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Chairman Adams stated that there is nothing at this time and stated that Chief McCoy sent out the monthly report that also contained the motorcycle usage.
Public Works Committee	Public Works Chairman Brownfield noted items that appear on the Consent Agenda then introduced City Engineer Dennis Carr to provide details regarding the Beck’s Water Service Installation. Mr. Carr shared that Beck’s Gas Station is planning on opening a car wash and the City has higher water pressure, which makes us a better supplier than Illinois American Water. Mr. Carr shared that Becks had reached out since we have a waterline on the other side of Bus24. Mr. Carr researched this request and found this to be acceptable because they are on the edge of our water service area, and this is acceptable to residents as well. This will require boring under Bus24 which is a state route. Mr. Carr noted that the IDOT permit would be easier to obtain by the city instead of a business. He noted that once the line crosses Bus24, Becks will pick up the rest of the line. He also noted that this will not connect the gas station, only the car wash. Mr. Carr shared that this would be accepted if this were a home. Mr. Carr also shared that GA Rich provided a quote for \$24,116 and the soonest they could begin is 2-3 weeks.

Alderpersion Brownfield moved and Alderpersion Adams seconded.

Alderpersion Stevens asked for clarifications regarding the GA Rich quote. Mr. Carr stated that he does not anticipate any additional costs outside the provided quote. Mr. Carr clarified that unfinished areas of the current intersection are the locations for handicapped ramps. Discussion took place regarding doing this type of project for other businesses. Mayor Manier noted that this will be done with an agreement for a higher water rate. Alderpersion Stevens questioned if Uftring Car Wash uses City water or IL American water. Alderpersion Stevens said she first heard about this in May and not a lot of information was given. City Administrator Snider clarified that the water usage is 1/10th of 1% of our capacity. Mr. Carr noted that the City will profit from this agreement. City Administrator Snider shared that the City sells 2.3 million gallons of water per day. He also noted that this is an economic benefit to the utilities. Alderpersion Stevens stated that Illinois American Water had said they would improve their pressure and it would be better for Becks to use Illinois American, this will cost Becks less money and she is not interested in helping Becks. Mayor Manier shared that this will provide Becks with better quality water because it is pre-treated. Alderpersion Stevens stated that this is a business that that takes away other business. Alderpersion Yoder asked for clarification regarding the return on investment and Alderpersion Adams shared that this agreement pays us back in nine months. City Administrator Snider shared that they estimate this to bring in about \$3,500 per month. He anticipates that this will take eight to nine months to pay for, then the City will received \$3,500 per month in perpetuity, as long as they stay in business. Alderpersion Stevens and Mr. Carr clarified that Illinois American Water customers that are adjacent to City water can also hook up to the system. Mr. Carr stated that there is a difference in the rate for this commercial property, and a residential rate would not provide the profit margins. Mr. Snider noted that this works because of the volume of water as well as protects the citizens because Becks is locked into paying the higher rate.

Motion carried by roll call vote:
Ayes: 4 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, and Yoder
Nays: 1 Stevens

Chairman Brownfield introduced Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant who shared that Core & Main will be finishing up their project soon. He also noted, with respect to the boring of utilities, the Council had approved the boring of a sanitary sewer under Cummings for the development of the HUB/Sunrise Roofing building and the costs are being reimbursed to the City. Mr. Oliphant shared that he received plans for an interior remodel of Kroger. City Engineer Dennis Carr shared that Hilldale started on Friday and noted an issue with the sanitary sewer going where there is an existing water main. He shared that this will cause a boil order later in the week. Mr. Carr also shared that the concrete for the Centennial Rec Trail is poured and has seen a few bikers. He also shared that the second Smoke Testing letter is going out soon, MFT curb replacement is underway, and Freedom Parkway is finishing its environmental check off. Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse shared that the Street Department finished up several paving projects. He also shared that someone had set the City brush pile on fire and they had to let it burn itself out.

Mayor	Mayor Manier brought forth for consideration the appointment of Kevin Schone as Ward 4 Alderpersion.
	Alderpersion Adams moved and Alderpersion Stevens seconded.

Alderpersion Stevens stated that the Employee Compensation Sheet states that Mr. Schone’s retirement is June 30, 2022 and wondered when he will be sworn in. City Administrator Snider stated that the date was an estimate and once he looked at his retirement package, he chose to retire on June 3, 2022 and receive a payout of his paid time off. Finance Director Joanie Baxter shared that she estimated the date to complete the budget report.

Aldersperson Stevens stated that he will be valuable, but it will be hard for him to not to talk to the guys like he is used to because he worked with them.

Motion carried by roll call vote:
Ayes: 5 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Stevens and Yoder
Nays: 0

Mayor Manier shared that five people reached out regarding the open position and only three lived in the correct ward.

Mayor Manier expressed his gratitude for the help from Aldersperson Brownfield and former Aldersperson Carol Moss who helped at the memorial parade. He stated that Congressman LaHood gave a nice message, and the event was well attended.

City Administrator

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 approve the redistricting of the wards in the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois.
Approve City Wards Redistricting

1st Reading Ordinance City Administrator Jim Snider provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would amend chapter 50 of the municipal code of the city of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to add a provision related to the rates for city water service and approving an agreement with Beck Oil Company of Illinois.
Approve amending Chapter 50 of the Municipal Code adding a provision related to the rates for city water service and approving an agreement with Beck Oil Company

Aldersperson’s Comments Aldersperson Stevens shared that she feels too many things are rushed outside of the public arena and she is frustrated. She stated that the Mayor is supposed to hold everyone to a decorum. Aldersperson Stevens stated that she is here to speak for her constituents and asked to be treated with respect.
Mayor Manier addressed Aldersperson Steven’s statement regarding not having information, sharing that Mr. Carr and Mr. Snider had reached out to Council several times and her statement was not accurate.
Aldersperson Adams noted two prior discussions regarding the topic making tonight’s discussion the third time Council has discussed it.
Aldersperson Stevens concluded by stating that she wished there was more discussion on the topic.
Aldersperson Adams congratulation St. Pat’s, Central, District 50 and Washington Middle Schools who all did very well at the State track meet. He also said kudos to the Chamber for the return of Good Neighbor Days and shared that they enjoyed it.

Executive Session At 7:10 p.m. Aldersperson Brownfield moved and Aldersperson Yoder seconded to move into executive session for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5)

Aldersperson Brownfield moved and Aldersperson Yoder seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:
Ayes: 5 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Stevens and Yoder
Nays: 0

Adjournment At 7:19 p.m. Aldersperson Brownfield moved and Aldersperson Yoder seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.