



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Washington Fire Department Training Room - 200 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call *Present:* Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
Absent: Alderperson Butler

Also Present City Administrator Jim Snider, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Police Chief Mike McCoy, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Attorney Derek Schryer and Press

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Manier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments Brian Barron from the Washington Fire Department Board of Directors came forward to speak about the code change on the agenda. He stated that the board feels that no other ambulance service should operate in Washington other than the fire department, the fire department has provided outstanding service for more than 100 years and they are concerned that the allowance of a second service would be confusing to citizens. He also stated that this ordinance should be voted on by the City Council and not the Police Chief and that he provided exhibits to the clerk that are attached and made part of these minutes.

Review Agenda for Deletions/Additions Nothing was added or deleted at this time.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Bills and Payroll
- C. Accept Financial Reports for Period Ended August 31, 2023
- D. Payment Authorization for N. Wilmor Mill and Overlay Pay Request 1
- E. Payment Authorization for UCM 2023 MFT Pay Request 1
- F. Payment Authorization for Pressure Paving Pay Request 1

Alderperson Brownfield motioned to accept the Consent Agenda; Alderperson Smith seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Announcements/Awards/Presentations/Recognitions/Proclamations Scott Ersham stated that most people who work at Five Point, work there as their first job. He shared that Five Points formed 16 years ago and shared financial information.
Item A: WACC Presentation and Update Mr. Ersham shared that the 16th Anniversary Celebration will be less about the facility and more about the community as it will focus on 1) The physical well-being of residents; 2) The social well-being impact on residents, and; 3) The cultural well-being, like when the high school performers go on to perform later in life. He shared that the celebration starts on October 1st, and it will involve a free exhibition hall consisting of ten booths such as the library booth, the high school booth, the aquatic booth and more. He requested that everyone comes to the celebration and shows their support.
Mayor Manier shared that he hears people say that they think this is a brand-new facility and they have done a great job. Mr. Ersham noted that the team works extremely hard to keep it beautiful.
Alderperson Brownfield stated that Scott is an integral part of the team. He also shared that he is the City representative on the board of Five Points. He stated that if anyone is interested in joining the board, there are applications on the WACC website and he expressed his appreciation for the presentation.

Mayoral Communications/Requested Actions Nothing additional at this time.

City Administrator Communications/Staff Reports/Requested Actions *Council Report:* City Administrator Snider stated that this has been a monumental week as we've completed the application process for the bond. He shared that with all the credit reviews he has been through in his 27 years, he has never seen a two-step rate increase. He shared that the last credit rating was A-2 in 2006 and now it is a AA rating. Mr. Snider stated that the increase is primarily the work that Council has done despite the effects of the tornado. He also stated that they have done a good job of living within their means, and they have not gone into debt. He continued by saying that a lot of credit goes to Finance Director Baxter and her staff. Administrator Snider stated that professional staff will protect the integrity and accountability of the City. He congratulated past and present

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Councils and Finance Director Baxter. He shared that this will benefit by .5% in interest savings which will equate to tens of thousands of dollars.
Administrator Snider introduced Engineer Carr to provide an update regarding current projects. Mr. Carr shared that there are two construction projects going on and a third project, Nofsinger, starts on Monday. He shared that the farmer will be working on getting his crops removed also. Mr. Carr also shared that they have informed Cullinan that they will be working on concrete and will be putting up the message boards. They will begin fog coating on the chip seal roads tomorrow.

Item A: Candlewood Bridge Repair Engineering Services Agreement City Engineer Carr shared that funding the Candlewood Bridge repair was discussed last Tuesday. He noted that the funds from the Jackson Street pedestrian bridge may be considered because they have not yet heard back regarding the Park District Berm Project. Mr. Carr stated that staff recommends the approval of CMT to design the repairs for the bridge using the funds budgeted for the Jackson Street Pedestrian Bridge for the Candlewood Repair Engineering and rebudgeting for the Jackson Street Pedestrian Bridge in 2024, as well as the approval of the Engineering Services Agreement with CMT to design the repairs for the Candlewood Bridge for \$145,000.
Aldersperson Adams motioned to approve; Aldersperson Brownfield seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Item B: WTP #2 Loop Main Engineering Services Amendment City Engineer Carr explained that there was an oversight in the original agreement for bid assistance for \$3,500. This is partial payment for some of the bid assistance that has already done as well as tasks to come.
Aldersperson McIntyre motioned to approve; Aldersperson Smith seconded.
Aldersperson Stevens asked what this is, and Mr. Carr explained that this is the loop watermain. He shared that there is only one main that ties into the high-pressure system and this will add a secondary line in the system which will help protect the City if there is a major leak in the system. Staff recommends the approval to amend the agreement with CMT to increase it by \$3,500.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Aldersperson Blundy asked about Chief Kuhlman’s letter. He asked who was involved in the conversation that was alluded to in the letter. Administrator Snider clarified that this should be discussed during that agenda item. Aldersperson Blundy asked who was in attendance. The Mayor, Police Chief, Jeremy, and Administrator Snider were mentioned. Aldersperson Blundy stated that when they all met in City Hall, the Fire Chief was okay with the changes and now they are asking for what Aldersperson Stevens asked for. Administrator Snider stated that there have been more questions to see if this satisfies everyone’s concerns. He noted that this was already shared with Council. Aldersperson Blundy asked Administrator Snider for his opinion. Mr. Snider stated that his opinion is that we have an agreement for only one license and a contract that has been in place for more than 50 years. He noted that they feel there needs to have more security. Aldersperson Blundy asked if we got feedback from the City representatives on the board. Mr. Snider explained that he gave Aldersperson Blundy the names of the representatives but did not speak to them. He shared that they have provided all the information to Council in an effort to remain open about the situation.

Resolutions
Item A: R-1389(15-23) Planning and Zoning Director Oliphant shared that the resolutions are required for the submittal of the grant. He shared that this would connect the Grant Street sidewalk to Route 8 in District 50.
Supporting an Illinois Safe Routes to School Program Grant Request in School District 50 Aldersperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Aldersperson McIntyre seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Item B: R-1390(16-23) Planning and Zoning Director Oliphant explained that there was a desire to do a sidewalk on both Elgin and Grandyle. He shared that staff recommended not to include the Grandyle segment as the cost estimate for Elgin alone is \$205,000 and the grant is capped at \$250,000 and any additional cost would be up to the municipality. Mr. Oliphant stated that with pending stormwater projects on Grandyle, we could address the sidewalks after the yards have been torn up and corrected. He also noted that they couldn’t get to it until 2025 so they recommend focusing on the Elgin portion.
Supporting an Illinois Safe Routes to School Program Grant Request in School District 51 Aldersperson Stevens motioned to approve; Aldersperson Smith seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Item C: R-1391(17-23) City Administrator Snider explained that this is regarding the bond proceeds and they have met with PFM Asset Management who manages municipal monies throughout the state. They were able to move their money in the Illinois Trust Fund at a yield of 5.4%.
Approving Declaration of Trust of the Illinois Trust Finance Director Baxter explained this is an important part of the bond process, making sure we invest the proceeds immediately upon closing. She shared that they reached out to PFM and were impressed with the pool.
Aldersperson McIntyre motioned to approve; Aldersperson Martin seconded.

7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinances
3510 (29-23) Second
Reading Ordinance:
Amending Chapter 103
entitled "Standards for
the Operation of
Ambulances"

Administrator Snider shared that they received a suggested modification Chapter 103.05. He shared that he received three responses, in writing, from Council members asking to tweak the language further. He explained that they can motion and second to consider this language and if additional concerns arise, they could debate it.
Aldersperson Blundy motioned to approve with the following changes:
Take out the current Section E on page 7 and replace it with Section E from Chief Kuhlman's letter to Mr. Snider and Council. Also, add that approval to include City Council along with the Chief of Police, in the third line of the handout from Chief Kuhlman. Administrator Snider clarified that it is Chapter 103.05 section E.
Aldersperson Stevens seconded.
Administrator Snider clarified the request.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

3511 (30-23) Second
Reading Ordinance:
Request by James and
Debra Rodriguez to
Annex 1020 Dallas
Road

Administrator Snider shared that this is a request from James and Debra Rodriguez to annex 1020 Dallas Road.
Aldersperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Aldersperson Smith seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

First Reading
Ordinance: Amending
Budget for Meeting
Streaming

Administrator Snider presented the first reading ordinance to amend the budget for meeting streaming.
Aldersperson Stevens stated that amending the budget means that we have released the money but we don't have to spend it. Administrator Snider clarified that this is just approving taking the money from general reserves and this gives the freedom to spend it. He shared that the contract with Granicus will be provided at the second reading.
Aldersperson Stevens asked if the live streaming is included in the second reading. She asked to talk more about it at the Committee of the Whole. Administrator Snider stated that with a consensus they can do that. Aldersperson Blundy said he doesn't have a problem to allocate the budget and would also like to talk about the details. He would like to talk about room layout and the shared space with the Fire Department. Mayor Manier noted that they will have to consider the vendor, the type of equipment and he feels there will be a demonstration. Aldersperson Martin thinks this is expensive but thinks it is necessary. He has noted that there have been a lot of requests and could not find cheaper options. He noted that many people, including himself, have a hearing disability and this will help with hearing the live stream. He feels this will be good for our residents.

**Aldersperson's
Comment**

Aldersperson Stevens made a motion to discuss the details of the live streaming options at the October Committee of the Whole meeting; Aldersperson McIntyre seconded.
Aldersperson Stevens asked if they will have details and Mr. Snider stated that they can provide whatever she likes. Aldersperson Stevens asked Jakob Spitzer to speak for the proper terminology. Mr. Spitzer stated that they would like to see a list of what will potentially be installed, what is hardwired and what is wireless. Administrator Snider stated that he can bring back whatever Council would like.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Aldersperson Blundy stated that the ambulance issue didn't sit well with him. He stated that he was disappointed that they didn't hear from representative board members and he had heard that board members tried to attend a City meeting but were uninvited. He also stated that with regards to a FOIA request, he doesn't know why the requester was asked to retract their request. He stated that as a City we should fulfill the request. Administrator Snider stated that he or Chief McCoy did not request the FOIA to be retracted. He clarified that it was offered and never asked to retract. Mayor Manier stated that he has been accused of bringing Stark County in, but he doesn't know the owner and has never spoken to them. He noted that there were Facebook comments regarding it.

Aldersperson Stevens stated that she asked for FOIA requests and she would like to see them regularly. Administrator Snider shared that this is under authority of City Clerk. Aldersperson Stevens asked if she asks Administrator Snider to provide it, would he then get the information from the City Clerk. Administrator Snider stated that he would have to consult with the City Attorney to answer that question.

Aldersperson Stevens motioned that the Council be provided FOIA requests including information about who has requested information; Aldersperson Blundy seconded.
Aldersperson Brownfield stated that Council is overstepping their bounds as Council is to make policy. He stated that this is not required to do their job and all we are doing is making staff feel like they are not trusted. Aldersperson Martin stated that he doesn't understand what he is voting for and Aldersperson Adams agreed. Aldersperson Stevens stated that the township agendas list who has requested a FOIA as well as the school boards. Aldersperson Blundy stated that they are on the school board website, and he feels they can help get a feeling about what the community is asking for and this can help

create policy decisions and decide what should be discussed. Alderperson Martin asked if their intent is to make every FOIA public and should this be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meetings. Alderperson Stevens stated that she just wants to know what FOIAs come in. Alderperson Brownfield asked if she wants to discuss these at meetings. Alderperson Adams asked if they received a FOIA list on Fridays in the past. Alderperson Brownfield clarified that there were no details, just how many FOIAs were received. Alderperson Stevens noted that the FOIA requests come to the City Clerk and the Police Department. She would like the date it came in, who requested it and the subject line. Alderperson Adams asked if they had received a list in the past and Alderperson Brownfield clarified that it only showed the quantity. Alderperson Martin stated that he will vote no, but would like more discussion. Alderperson Adams agreed with Mr. Martin because this has never been discussed before and now we are being asked to vote on it. He said it would be more appropriate to talk about it at Committee of the Whole meeting. Alderperson Stevens amended her motion to put the additional discussion on the Committee of the Whole agenda; Alderperson Blundy seconded. Administrator Snider stated that he has never seen this before and the vast majority of FOIA requests go to the police. He stated that there are confidentiality issues and he feels it would be hard to find a city that shares this information publicly.

7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Adjournment At 7:36 p.m. Alderperson McIntyre moved to adjourn; Alderperson Brownfield seconded.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk



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9/18/2023

Good evening Council Members,

My name is Brian Barron. I am the volunteer membership representative for the Washington Fire Department's Board of Directors, and I am here to speak on behalf of the Washington Fire Department in regard to ordinance updates to Chapter 103 of the Washington City Code - Standards for the Operation of Ambulances. It is the stance of the Washington Fire Department Board of Directors that no other ambulance service should station in Washington.

To begin, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for working so hard and diligently on this matter. Speaking from experience, public service is an under appreciated and sometimes thankless endeavor. Our Washington Fire Department has provided outstanding services of tremendous value to the citizens and visitors of our community for over 125 years. Out of this dedication to our local community, we would like to share our concerns regarding this ordinance and its impact on the Washington citizens.

Most importantly, we are concerned that the allowance of a second ambulance service in Washington will cause confusion to the citizens who have trusted the Washington Fire Department in countless emergencies throughout the years.

Secondly, we are concerned that allowing one private ambulance company to work here will set a precedent for other private ambulance companies to root in Washington. To explain, our neighboring cities have chosen to maintain their local and historic Fire Departments (unless aid is needed and requested). This deviation is highly unusual and raises questions surrounding employment, best practices, shared resources, and communication. Stationing two ambulance services in the same city is not a necessary practice.

Next, Washington Fire Department's Board of Directors supports a new change to the first reading of the ordinance stating there is only one license for 911 / emergency calls, as written and proposed by WFD leadership. In our opinion, this ordinance, and any other changes to be made to ambulance licensing in the future, should be voted on and made by the City Council instead of the Chief of Police, for checks and balances.

In summary, the Washington Fire Department's administration is run by the Board of Directors while its operations are determined by Chief Kuhlman and AC Jeramy Doerr. As such, the decision made by the Council Members will be respected. However, I must reaffirm that the opinion of the Washington Fire Department Board of Directors is that no other ambulance service should be stationed in Washington. We take pride in everything we do at the Fire Department and will continue to serve this community with our utmost professionalism and ability.

I will provide several exhibits for public and council reference with this letter.

Thank you for your time tonight.

Members of the Board of Directors – Regina Slonneger, Brian Barron, Steve Aglin, Greg Longfellow and Jeff Labuz



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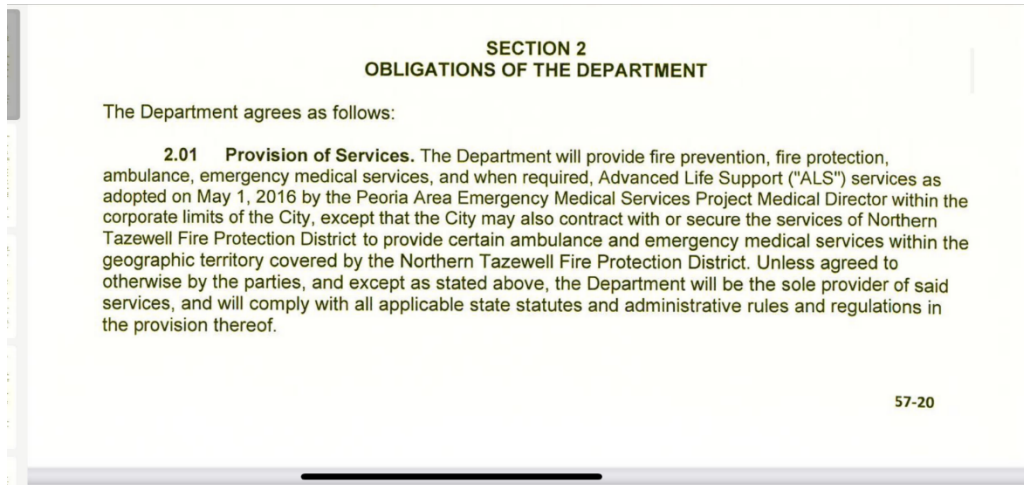
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Exhibits

Exhibit A:



3.02 Exclusive Provider of Services. Unless agreed to otherwise by the parties, the City will rely on the Department for all fire protection services, all ambulance and emergency medical services, and other emergency life-saving procedures, to the greatest extent permitted by law, except that the City may also contract with or secure the services of Northern Tazewell Fire Protection District to provide certain ambulance and emergency medical services within the geographic territory covered by the Northern Tazewell Fire Protection District.

Exhibit B:



East Peoria municipal code (Scan with smartphone camera)

https://library.municode.com/il/east_peoria/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT3BURE_CH20METR

3-20-1. - Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Ambulance. Any motor vehicle that is specifically designed, equipped and intended for use as provided for in this chapter as a Class II licensed vehicle, in providing medical, emergency transportation for patients.

Attendant-driver. An individual trained or qualified pursuant to this chapter, responsible for the operation and driving of a vehicle and the care of the passengers or patients.

Emergency medical services officer (EMS officer). The Fire Chief of the City of East Peoria, including proper employees and inspectors acting under the authority of the fire chief.

Medicar. Any motor vehicle that is specifically designed, equipped and intended for use as provided for in this chapter as a class III licensed vehicle in providing medical, nonemergency transportation for nonambulatory passengers.

Mobile intensive care personnel (MICP). An individual certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health as an advanced emergency medical technician (mobile intensive care personnel) pursuant to the provisions of Illinois Revised Statutes, chapter 111½, section 86.3.

Mobile intensive care unit vehicle (MICU). A motor vehicle that is specifically designed and equipped in compliance with Federal, state and local standards for providing pre-hospital, emergency medical service and transportation as may be from time to time adopted by the city council pursuant to this chapter. It is intended for use as provided in this chapter as a Class I license vehicle.

Passenger. A nonambulatory, invalid, or convalescent person utilizing the services of a medicare, class III license, as provided under this chapter.

Patient. An individual who is sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless to an extent that he requires emergency medical transportation.

Project medical director. The physician appointed by the State of Illinois who has the authority and responsibility for the total management of the Advanced Life Support/Mobile Intensive Care System for the region including the City of East Peoria.

3-20-2. - Purpose and class of license.

This chapter is intended to regulate and license any and all types of the service of supplying medical transportation, emergency and nonemergency, for the health, safety, welfare, convenience and necessity of the public in the city.

Licenses to supply medical transportation are divided into three (3) classes:

(a)

Class I. Mobile intensive care unit. This license shall authorize the emergency medical transportation of patients on a call response basis. Each licensee hereunder must have at least one such MICU fully manned, on duty, and in operation twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The decision to respond to an emergency call with a class I or class II vehicle shall be made by the licensee based on the information received concerning the nature of the emergency and on the availability of vehicles.

(b)

Class II. Ambulance. This license shall authorize the emergency medical transportation of patients on a call response basis. Each licensee hereunder must have such service reasonably available and in operation twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

(c)

Class III. Medicar. This license shall authorize the transportation of nonemergency, nonambulatory, invalid and convalescent passengers from their places of residence or other points, to and from hospitals, doctors' offices and other locales for medical care. The provisions of this license apply only to, and permit only, the transportation of medically stable persons who are handicapped, wheelchair confined or otherwise unable to utilize normal transportation and yet do not require ambulance or other emergency service. Class III license shall be on a nonemergency basis, by arranging for the transportation directly with the licensee, and shall not be in response to emergency requests. The availability for any vehicle shall be not less than forty (40) hours per week.

3-20-3. - Operator's license; required; fee.

(a)

No person, either as owner, agent or otherwise, shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise or otherwise be engaged in or profess to be engaged in the commercial or noncommercial business or service of the medical transportation of passengers or patients in the city unless he holds a current valid license for such a vehicle, issued by the city clerk, pursuant to this chapter.

No class I or class II license shall be issued under this chapter for so long as the city operates its ambulance service under authority of this Code. The city shall not be required to apply for a license under this chapter in order to operate its ambulance service within the city.

(b)

No vehicle shall be operated, and no individual shall drive, attend or permit it to be operated on the streets, alleys, or any public way or place of the city unless it shall be under the immediate supervision of a person who is holding a currently valid or probationary license as an attendant-driver as provided in this chapter, except that a probationary license holder may not operate a class licensed vehicle, and may operate a class II licensed vehicle only under the direct supervision of a licensed attendant-driver.

(c)

Provided, however, that no such licenses shall be required for a vehicle, or for the attendant-driver of a vehicle, which:

(1)

Is rendering assistance to licensed ambulances, or MICU vehicles in the case of a major catastrophe or emergency in which the licensed ambulances and MICU vehicles of the city are insufficient or unable to cope; or

(2)

Is summoned from outside the city by the East Peoria Police or Fire Department upon the determination that no city-licensed vehicle is able to respond to an emergency.

(d)

An annual license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged for the operation of each commercial vehicle licensed hereunder, which fees along with attendant-driver's fees shall be retained by the city clerk to be used for the administration of this chapter.

(Ord. 1821, 1-19-82; Ord. 1928, 4-5-83; Ord. No. 3169, § 1, 8-17-99)

3-20-4. - Operator's license; application.

Applications for vehicle licenses hereunder shall be made upon such forms and may be prepared or prescribed by the city clerk and shall contain:

(a)

The name and address of the applicant and the owner of the vehicle.

(b)

The trade or other fictitious name, if any, under which the applicant does business and proposes to do business.

(c)

The training and experience of the applicant in the transportation and care of patients or passengers.

(d)

A description of each vehicle, including the make, model, year of manufacture, motor and chassis number; current state license number; the length of time the vehicle has been in use; and the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram, or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate applicant's vehicle.

(e)

The location and descriptions of the place or places from which it is intended to operate.

(f)

Such other information as the city clerk and EMS officer shall deem reasonably necessary to a fair determination of compliance with this chapter.

(g)

An accompanying license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per vehicle.

(h)

A financial statement and balance sheet containing sufficient information to determine the financial responsibility of the applicant.

(i)

At any time a change in the officers of the corporation which is a licensee hereunder shall be made, such change of officers shall be reported to the city clerk within five (5) days after such change.

3-20-5. - Operator's license; prerequisites to issuance.

(a)

The city council shall direct the city clerk to issue a license hereunder for a specified vehicle, to be valid for a period of one year unless earlier suspended, revoked or terminated, when they find that:

(1)

Each such vehicle, its required equipment and the premises designated in the application, comply with the standards prescribed in this chapter and with the regulations promulgated hereunder, as determined by inspection by the EMS officer.

(2)

The applicant is a responsible and proper person to conduct or work in the proposed business.

(3)

Only duly licensed attendant-drivers or probationary attendant-drivers are employed in such capacities.

(4)

All the requirements of this chapter and all other applicable laws and ordinances have been met.

(5)

The public convenience and necessity require such additional services.

(b)

prior to the issuance of any vehicle license hereunder, the applicant for such license must present to the city clerk evidence that the said vehicle has passed a safety inspection for second division vehicles as set forth in the Illinois Vehicle Code, Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 95½, section 13-101 and following. This requirement must be met notwithstanding any definitions or exemptions from such safety tests provided in the applicable statutes. The method of ascertaining such compliance shall be left to rules promulgated by the EMS officer. Such safety inspections shall be made not less than once a year.

(c)

Prior to the issuance of any vehicle license hereunder, the applicant must equip the vehicle with such radio equipment as will permit two-way communications with the dispatch center for the city police and fire departments.

3-20-6. - Determination of public convenience and necessity.

(a)

Upon the filing of an application for a license hereunder for a specified class I, class II or class III vehicle by a person not now licensed and engaged in the operation of such a vehicle, or by a person now licensed and engaged in the operation of such vehicles for additional licenses, the city council shall establish a date in the future for the purpose of determining the question of whether the license(s) applied for should be issued. Notice of the filing of the application and the date and time the matter is scheduled for action by the city council shall be sent to all others holding licenses issued by the city. Said notice shall state that the application for a medical transportation license has

been made, the name of the applicant, the class of license applied for, and that a decision on the application will be made on the application designating the place, date and hour.

(b)

On the date set for the city council action as provided for in subsection (a) above, the holders of existing medical transportation licenses or any other person affected by the issuance of additional medical transportation licenses may protest either orally or in writing the issuance of such additional licenses.

Any person or licensee desiring to so protest may protest on or prior to the date for action on the application by the city council and shall be entitled to offer proof upon the question of public necessity and convenience for additional medical transportation licenses.

(c)

The city council shall not direct the city clerk to issue a class I, class II or class III license unless they shall find that there is need for such service within the city which cannot be met by the current license holders and which the applicant can meet.

(d)

The holder of at least one of the class I or class II licenses shall maintain a base of operation at a central location within the city limits.

(e)

Renewal of any license hereunder, upon expiration or after revocation for any reason, shall require conformance with all requirements of this chapter relating to original licensing.

3-20-7. - Display of license.

Once a license for a vehicle has been issued, the licensee shall cause said license to be kept in plain view in a conspicuous place within the vehicle.

3-20-8. - Attendant-driver license; required; fee; transferability.

No person shall drive or serve as an attendant-driver of a vehicle licensed hereunder without first procuring a license for the class of vehicle driven or served as provided below. The annual charge for such licenses shall be five dollars (\$5.00). Such licenses shall not be assignable or transferable.

Exhibit C :

8/21/23 Committee of the Whole

(<https://www.ci.washington.il.us/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item&id=2928&doc=1694184885736>) :



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Good evening Mayor, Council members, and Committee of a Whole, and thank you for being here tonight.

I am speaking on behalf of the Washington Fire Department's membership to address the issue of an ordinance change that would preclude another 911 service from housing or posting ambulances in Washington.

To be clear, Washington Fire Department membership does not wish to prevent a private non-emergency ambulance service from housing and running transports while stationed in Washington, but rather make sure there are rules in place to protect the Washington Fire Department and all of its membership and assets.

Our membership feels it is fair to ask an ambulance service wishing to house or post in Washington to meet THREE criteria.

1. Proposed ambulance service may not have a system plan to run 911 calls in the state of Illinois, or have the capability of being dispatched via 911 response model.
2. Proposed ambulance service must have "Non-Emergency" in its name to specify the type of service. This would help prevent citizens and visitors from calling this service and expecting emergency care or response.
3. Proposed ambulance service must have "Non-Emergency" on any exterior signage to prevent "walk in" patients expecting emergency services.

Washington Fire Department membership believes these criteria to be fair, and most importantly, should suit the needs of any non-emergency ambulance service wishing to run their business in Washington.

It is an absolute privilege of the membership of the Washington Fire Department to continue to serve the citizens and visitors of Washington with pride and honor, and we look forward to serving for many years to come.

On a special note:

Our membership is extremely appreciative of the support we have received from Council and the Mayor on this issue. I would like to make it very clear, from the standpoint of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, that the Mayor and the City Council have always been supportive of the Washington Fire Department's membership and response model, and we as membership have no reason to doubt their resolve in this matter.

Respectfully,

Clint Kuhlman
Fire Chief

Washington Fire Department

Jeremy Doerr
Assistant Chief

Washington Fire Department

Exhibit D :

9/18/23 - CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORTS/REQUESTED ACTIONS

Documents: Council Report (https://www.ci.washington.il.us/egov/documents/1694791270_6227.pdf)

From: **Jim Snider** <jsnider@ci.washington.il.us>
Date: Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 1:07 PM
Subject: FW: Ambulance Ordinance
To: Clint Kuhlman <ckuhlman@washingtonfd.com>
Cc: Gary Manier <gmanier@ci.washington.il.us>

Chief,

Our city attorney has no legal issue with your language modification as proposed. I will include your language change request in my Council Report which will go out tomorrow to everyone. At that juncture, members can reach out to me for questions they have prior to Monday's meeting.

I'll forward you a copy of the council report when it is sent out tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Jim

From: Jim Snider
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 12:44 PM
To: 'Clint Kuhlman' <ckuhlman@washingtonfd.com>
Cc: Gary Manier <gmanier@ci.washington.il.us>
Subject: RE: Ambulance Ordinance

Thank you, Chief. We will review it with legal counsel and provide you feedback when received.

Jim

From: Clint Kuhlman <ckuhlman@washingtonfd.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 12:40 PM
To: Gary Manier <gmanier@ci.washington.il.us>; Jim Snider <jsnider@ci.washington.il.us>
Cc: Jeramy Doerr <jdoerr@washingtonfd.com>; Gina Slonneger <gina@rnselectricinc.com>
Subject: Ambulance Ordinance

Gentlemen

Please see the attached documents in reference to the ambulance ordinance changes. One attachment has the original changes presented by the city and the other attachment has additional changes as requested.

Thank you for your time.

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Exhibit D (continued):

Gentlemen

Per our conversation today, here are the changes we would like to see to the amended Ambulance Ordinance, Standards For The Operation Of Ambulances, Chapter 103, page 8, Item (E).

(E) Upon presentation by an ambulance service of documentation as required by the Ordinance, the City Clerk of the City of Washington **will** issue an appropriate license to the ambulance service **holding the contract for fire, ambulance, and emergency services** after approval by the Chief of Police. **The City of Washington will have the authority to issue only (1) one such license.** The City Clerk or Chief of Police may from time to time as his/her discretion require **the** licensed ambulance service to conform or update its compliance with this Ordinance.

We understand this has to go through legal, but we are hopeful that this language change as well as the rest of the ordinance changes as presented will be acceptable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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