



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Five Points Banquet Room - 360 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Lilija Stevens called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with a quorum present.

Roll Call *Present:* Alderpersons Blundy, Ernst, McIntyre, Moss, Sluder, Smith
Absent: Alderpersons Johnson, Martin

Also Present Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, City, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Police Chief Jeff Stevens, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Treasurer Carol Crocker, City Attorney Mark Walton and Press

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.
With providing an advanced notice, Alderperson Smith entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Proclamation Mayor Stevens read a proclamation proclaiming June 19, 2025, as “Juneteenth Community Recognition Day”.
Alderperson Smith motioned to approve; Alderperson Blundy seconded.
6 Ayes: Blundy, Ernst, McIntyre, Moss, Sluder, Smith
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Audience Comments None provided.

Deletions/Additions None provided.

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

- A. Approve June 2, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Purchase Authorization - Fire Department Exhaust System
- C. Approve Bills & Payroll
- D. Accept Financial Reports for Period Ended April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)
- E. Approve Property and Liability Insurance Renewal
- F. Approve Payment Authorization for GPEDC Funding

Alderperson McIntyre motioned to approve the consent agenda; Alderperson Ernst seconded.
6 Ayes: Blundy, Ernst, McIntyre, Moss, Sluder, Smith
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mayoral Communication Mayor Stevens announced that the second “Let’s Talk Washington” event will take place this Wednesday at the Sunnyland Branch of the Washington Library. Chief Stevens and Alderperson Ernst are scheduled to attend. She noted that future events will be held at various locations and times to accommodate different schedules.

City Administrator Communication Mayor Stevens noted the absence of the City Administrator and opened the floor for questions. Alderperson Smith asked about the delay in viaduct painting and the status of the pavers on Catherine Street. Public Works Director Rittenhouse explained that the viaduct project was delayed because IDOT requires a 21-day notice for road closures, which had not been met. He will gather more information regarding the pavers.

Approve Bid Award – Public Works Director Rittenhouse explained that this project was identified in the stormwater study and staff sought bids. The storm sewer will be on the west side of the street. Staff feels
Priority Project #3 – this is the ideal time to install sidewalks for the safety of students traveling to school. This base
Grandyle Relief Sewer bid covers new storm sewer, manholes and the sidewalk. Two bids were received. Stark Excavating provided the lowest bid of \$598,041.20. The FY25-26 budget includes \$475,000 in stormwater management and has adequate funds to cover the overages. Staff feels they can find other cost saving opportunities.

Alderson McIntyre motioned to approve; Alderson Smith seconded.

Alderson McIntyre noted the significance of the project, sharing that it was included in the budget following a sales tax increase. This project is important to him personally. Public Works Director Rittenhouse will gather information on which residents would benefit during significant rain events. Mayor Stevens added that project details are available on the City's website under the Engineering tab, including a link with information on the Grandyle project. Alderson Moss mentioned he frequently receives questions about stormwater concerns in the areas of Hillcrest, Wilmore, Kern, and toward Farm Creek. Mayor Stevens referenced sidewalks on Elgin, Bobolink, Grandyle and Eagle noting a possible Safe Routes to School near Central School.

6 Ayes: Blundy, Ernst, McIntyre, Moss, Sluder, Smith

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

First Reading Ord: None provided.

Second Reading Ord: None provided.

Alderson Comments None provided.

Adjournment At 6:46 p.m. *Alderson McIntyre moved to adjourn; Alderson Sluder seconded.*
Motion carried by voice vote.

Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk