

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.**

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, November 18, 2019 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington. Call to Order

Present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, and Yoder. Roll Call

Also present was City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Controller Joanie Baxter, Public Works Manager Kevin Schone, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Chief of Police Mike McCoy, Deputy Chief of Police Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and Press.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge of Allegiance

The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented. Agenda Review

Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the November 2, 2019 special and November 4, 2019 regular City Council meetings; bills & payroll; write off uncollectible accounts; project scope amendment: Stratford bridge water main extension; and workers compensation renewal. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:
Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder
Nays: 0
Motion declared carried. Approve Consent Agenda

Nick Cohen, W. Adams Street, expressed his concerns with the high school student parking along the 500 block of W. Adams Street and the lack of finding a solution to the problem it is causing for residents, noting that it has been eight months since it was first brought to the City as a concern. It was suggested by Alderman Dingledine that we move forward to resolve this problem that is being created by the high school in not having sufficient parking for their students. Audience Comments

Alderman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, reported items for consideration were the Write Off Uncollectible Accounts and Workers Compensation Renewal listed on the Consent Agenda. Finance & Personnel Committee

Alderman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, reported nothing to be brought forward for consideration. Public Safety Committee

Alderman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, reported items for consideration were the project scope amendment: Stratford bridge water main extension (Consent Agenda), approving vacation and dedication of easements, Eagle Point Condo’s (Resolution), and the maintenance crack sealing update. He called on Public Works Manager Schone to present the crack sealing request. Public Works Manager Schone requested authorization in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 for Ace in the Hole to complete the crack sealing work on designated streets. He went over the history of the project that included the following: in November 2018 Council approved \$12,250 to complete crack sealing on N. Cummings Ln., Kern Rd., and Wilmor Rd.; work did not commence until April 2019, only working one day; this FY \$35,000 is budgeted for crack sealing work; in October 2019 Ace in the Hole began work again and to date approximately \$25,400 has been completed; and Ace in the Hole is estimating three days to complete all the crack sealing work at an estimated cost of \$7,000/day which brings the total estimated amount to \$47,250 for all the crack sealing work. Alderman Brownfield shared that Public Works Committee has heard and supports this request. Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was:
Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder
Nays: 0
Motion declared carried. Public Works Committee – maintenance crack sealing

None. Mayor’s Comments

City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, making the determination pursuant to the Truth-In-Taxation Act for the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois for the 2019 Property Tax Levy. Adoption of this resolution would establish the City of Washington’s Tentative 2019 Property Tax Levy at \$1,647,741. Since the tentative 2019 levy is not greater than 105% of the prior year property tax extension, a truth in taxation hearing will not be required. Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Stevens seconded to adopt the resolution as read. Alderman Dingledine asked if this constitutes the same levy as last year and Controller Baxter shared that yes, it is the same levy amount as last year which represents a 0% increase. Alderman Dingledine expressed his concern with a 0% levy increase knowing our over \$70K unfunded pension obligation, our unknown Capital Improvement Plan costs, and if matching funding will be required with the recently announced earmarking of \$53M for the reconstruction of Route 8 and Business Route 24 from Legion Road to the City’s eastern corporate line. He expressed his disappointment in not reaching a compromise in the levy and that there is no way to sustain growth without growing. On roll call the vote was:
Ayes: 7 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Stevens, Yoder
Nays: 1 Dingledine
Motion declared carried. Adopt resl, setting tentative 2019 property tax levy

Adopt resl, easement vacation and dedication, Eagle Point Condos	<p>City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, approving the Vacation of a Utility, Storm Sewer, and Surface Drainage Easement and Dedicating a Storm Sewer Easement in Washington Estates Subdivision. Adoption of this resolution would vacate an existing utility, storm sewer, and surface drainage easement and dedicate a new storm sewer easement in the Eagle Point Condominiums development in Washington Estates subdivision. Alderman Stevens asked where the detention was going on the property and P & D Director Oliphant replied that it is on the northern half of the property and is being reshaped and designed in the same area. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt resl, establishing 2020-2022 Council goals & accepting executive summary of goal setting session	<p>City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, establishing the 2020-2022 City Council Goals and accepting the Executive Summary of the November 2, 2019 Goal Setting Session. Adoption of this resolution would establish the 2020-2022 City Council Goals and accept the Executive Summary of the Goal Setting Session. Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Yoder seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt resl, authorizing severance agreement	<p>City Administrator Forsythe read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the execution of a Severance Agreement and General Release. Adoption of this resolution would authorize a Severance Agreement and General Release between the City and a former employee. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Waive 2 nd reading ord, granting special use for roof mount solar energy, 605 Ridge St.	<p>City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance granting a Special Use to allow a roof mount solar energy system to be installed on an accessory structure at 605 Ridge Street. Adoption of this ordinance would allow for a roof mount solar energy system to be installed on a garage at 605 Ridge Street. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to waive second reading and proceed with adoption of the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, granting special use for roof mount solar energy, 605 Ridge St.	<p>Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the ordinance granting a Special Use to allow a roof mount solar energy system to be installed on an accessory structure at 605 Ridge Street. There was no further discussion and on roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
1 st reading ords, special use, car wash, 2085 Washington Rd.; roof mount solar energy text amendment; & adult-use cannabis text amendment	<p>City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance granting a Special Use to allow a car wash to operate at 2085 Washington Road. Adoption of this ordinance would allow for a car wash to operate at 2085 Washington Road contingent upon conditions established pertaining to fencing, landscaping, signage, building materials, and lighting; an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending Chapter 154.727 entitled “Ground Mount and Roof Mount Solar Energy Systems.” Adoption of this ordinance would allow for roof mount solar energy systems to be located on an accessory structure as a permitted use and to eliminate the maximum allowable roof coverage percentage for solar energy systems; and an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending various sections of Chapter 154 entitled “Zoning Code.” Adoption of this ordinance would allow for adult-use cannabis businesses to be located in the city limits as a special use in C-2 and C-3 zoning districts. All such businesses would be required to be at least 1,000 feet from any nursery, preschool, primary or secondary schools, or daycare facilities. Adult-use cannabis craft growers and cultivation centers would be required to be at least 1,500 feet from the property line of any pre-existing property zoned or used for residential purposes and any adult-use cannabis dispensing organizations, infuser, processor, or transporter would be required to be at least 250 feet from the property line of any pre-existing property zoned or used for residential purposes. These ordinances will be listed on the next meeting agenda for action.</p>
Alderman’s Comments	None.
Adjournment	At 6:49 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Black seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>