

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015
WILMOR ROAD FIRE STATION TRAINING ROOM
200 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order	Mayor Gary W. Manier called the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2015 to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Training Room at the Wilmor Road Fire Station.
Roll Call	<p>Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Schneider, J. Gee, Dingledine, Butler, Moss, T. Gee, Brucks, and Brownfield.</p> <p>Also present was City Administrator Tim Gleason, Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Don Volk, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and members of the press.</p>
Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence	All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by City Administrator Gleason’s daughter Rebecca, who is celebrating her 11 th birthday today. Prior to the pledge a moment of silence was observed in memory of Rita Fischbach who recently passed away. Mayor Manier shared that she was very involved in her community serving with Rotary, on the High School Board of Directors, and was instrumental in organizing the annual Take Pride in Washington cleanup effort and will be truly missed.
Agenda Review	The Agenda was reviewed and amended by moving Item C to Staff Reports.
Approve Consent Agenda	<p>Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Schneider seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the January 5, 2015 regular Council meeting; bills and payroll; and acceptance of Police Pension Fund actuarial valuation report 2014-15. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes:</u> 8 Dingledine, Moss, Brucks, Butler, T. Gee, Brownfield, Schneider, J. Gee</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> 0</p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Swearing In: Deputy Chief of Police, Jeff Stevens	City Clerk Brown officially swore in Jeff Stevens as the City’s new Deputy Chief of Police. Police Chief Volk pinned Jeff’s badge onto his uniform and invited everyone back to the Police Department for cake and punch in celebration of Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens.
Introduction: Kevin Schone, Public Works Manager	<p>Public Works Director Andrews introduced Kevin Schone as the City’s new Public Works Manager. He shared that it was with great pleasure that they were able to hire the best candidate for the job internally and that Kevin has been working in the position since December 15th. Kevin thanked the Mayor and City Council, Ed Andrews, and Tim Gleason for their confidence in selecting him for the position and is looking forward to working closely with everyone and learning from their leadership.</p> <p>City Administrator Gleason shared that Jeff and Kevin were both internal candidates that are now in the number two position in their departments and we couldn’t be more pleased about these promotions.</p>
Audience Comments	None.
Standing Committees	Alderman Butler, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported two items on the agenda (Ordinances D & E). Alderman Dingledine, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman J. Gee, Public Services Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Staff Reports A).
Mayor’s Comments	Mayor Manier brought forward the request from Mr. Hullcranz during the last Council meeting on whether the Council would consider waiving the not-for-profit in business for 5-years requirement in order to obtain a raffle permit. He asked the Council if anyone was in favor of waiving the requirement. Both Aldermen Dingledine and Schneider were initially in favor of the waiver but following discussion it was the consensus that the Council did not want to waive the requirement as it would set precedence for future raffle permit applicants with both Aldermen Dingledine and Schneider withdrawing their favor of the waiver.
Adopt resl, Joint PPUATS Funding Agreement	<p>City Administrator Gleason read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing a Joint PPUATS Funding Agreement Unified Work Program for Fiscal Year 2015. Adoption of this resolution will approve continued participation in the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation System planning process and, as such, will authorize payment of the city’s annual assessment in the amount of \$5,303.61. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes:</u> 8 T. Gee, Schneider, Butler, Brownfield, Moss, J. Gee, Brucks, Dingledine</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> 0</p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Waive second read ord, bond refinancing	City Administrator Gleason provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, providing for borrowing of \$1,243,200.96 from Morton Community Bank for the purpose of refinancing various obligations previously undertaken by the City. Adoption of this ordinance would consolidate two Series 2002 bonds and one 1997 IEPA loan into a 30-month municipal loan with Washington Community Bank. This consolidation will result in the same payoff period with a loan savings of nearly \$41,000. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to waive second reading and proceed with adoption of the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:

<p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Schneider, Dingledine, Moss, Brownfield, Butler, J. Gee, T. Gee, Brucks</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p> <p>Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Schneider seconded to adopt the ordinance providing for borrowing of \$1,243,200.96 from Morton Community Bank for the purpose of refinancing various obligations previously undertaken by the City. Alderman Brucks shared that Finance & Personnel Committee looked at several options and this option was the best option with the greater savings to the City in interest costs. There was no discussion and on roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Brucks, T. Gee, Butler, J. Gee, Dingledine, Moss, Schneider, Brownfield</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Waive second read ord, bond refinancing, Cont.)</p> <p>Adopt ord, bond refinancing</p>
<p>City Administrator Gleason provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending §112.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to decrease the number of Class C liquor licenses and increase the number of Class J liquor licenses. Adoption of this ordinance will decrease the number of Class C liquor licenses from four (4) to three (3) and increase the number of Class J liquor licenses from three (3) to (4). The decrease is the result of All in Bloom not wishing to renew their Class C license and the increase will allow a recent request of Mendoza’s, 1217 Peoria Street, to be issued a Class J “restaurant” liquor license; an ordinance amending Chapter 112 Alcoholic Beverages of the City of Washington Code of Ordinances by adding a painting arts hobby/business establishment as a business classification that may apply for a Public Accommodation liquor license. Adoption of this ordinance will allow a painting arts hobby/business establishment to apply for a Public Accommodation (PA) liquor license; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement for private development with Thomas D. Brecklin for the redevelopment of a portion of the Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area. Adoption of this ordinance would approve a TIF redevelopment agreement with Thomas D. Brecklin for the redevelopment of 119 Walnut Street; and an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement for private development with Black Law Office Trust for the redevelopment of a portion of the Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area. Adoption of this ordinance would approve a TIF redevelopment agreement with Black, Black, and Brown for the redevelopment of 115 Washington Square. These ordinances will be listed on the February 2nd meeting agenda for action.</p> <p>Mayor Manier asked Administrator Gleason how the new Liquor Commission was working out and Gleason replied that the process is working out very well. Alderman Schneider asked if we will continue to add businesses as they come forward for a PA liquor license and shared that there could be language incorporated that would identify businesses based on a broader definition. City Administrator Gleason shared that as it is written now businesses outside the perimeters of the two now identified would have to be added to the ordinance.</p>	<p>1st reading ords, decrease Class C & increase Class J liquor licenses; allow painting arts hobby/busn est to apply for PA liquor license; appr v TIF agreement, Tom Brecklin; and appr v TIF agreement, Black, Black, & Brown</p>
<p>Public Works Director Andrews shared a brief update on the three temporary recovery truck routes for trucks travelling in the tornado affected areas. He noted the previous resolution that established a timeframe beginning on April 21, 2014 and ending January 31, 2015 will end soon and coincided with the regional seasonal weight limits which are typically imposed from February 1st through April 30th. He indicated that it will be revisited in the spring after looking at the thaw conditions and the timing of the IDOT funded tornado roadway restoration contract. He noted that in the interim period the City’s ordinances for excess loads would apply.</p>	<p>Tornado recovery truck route update</p>
<p>City Administrator Gleason reminded Council of the budget planning retreat scheduled for January 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. He again shared his pleasure with the two recent internal hires in Jeff Stevens and Kevin Schone. Alderman Dingledine commented that when positions come available we are looking for the best candidates and there are possibilities of advancement when you do your job well, noting that both of the recent hires are excellent choices.</p>	<p>Staff Report’s</p>
<p>Public Works Director Andrews provided a brief update on a recent meeting with Mauer-Stutz on the street repair inventory in the tornado affected area sharing that the numbers are coming in where they were forecasted to be and future updates will be provided as information comes in. He noted that the footbridge in Washington Estates is also included in the funding.</p>	
<p>P & D Director Oliphant shared the 2014 Development Activity Summary noting the following: new non-tornado residential permits totaled 44 (35 single family and 9 two family) in 2014 which was fairly comparable with the previous year when the apartments are taken from the 2013 total; 6 commercial permits were issued in 2014; two final plats were approved and one is in the process of coming forward in 2015; a total of 433 tornado rebuild permits were issued in 2014; permit construction values are at a conservative \$117M as there were a number of homes repaired without going through the permitting process; there are 63 lots in the tornado affected area that have not started to rebuild and we have a general idea of the stories on these lots; and any existing foundations have until May to rebuild on. He shared that 34 letters were sent out for properties with foundations or open holes that created a public safety issue and were given until the end of November to make them safe and will have until the end of May to begin the rebuilding process. He noted that there is only one tornado affected home left standing.</p>	
<p>Police Chief Volk shared that last weekend three young men from the area were arrested for the car burglaries that were happening on the east end of town and investigations are continuing.</p>	
<p>Mayor Manier shared that on a recent afternoon in his neighborhood Officers noticed a smell of fire in the subdivision and investigated the matter finding that it was a wood burning stove giving off the smell. He shared that he is glad to see Officers out in the subdivisions giving</p>	<p>Aldermen’s Comments</p>

Aldermen’s Comments Cont.)	<p>notice to things and thanked them for a job well done.</p> <p>Alderman Brucks shared that he has worked with staff in Planning and Zoning and would like to recognize them for all the work they have done. He shared that he has heard from both the residential side and contractor side of things and all comments are very good in how they have made the rebuilding process easy.</p>
Adjournment	<p>At 7:10 p.m. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u></p>

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk