

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, January 4, 2016 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 Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Maxwell.	Roll Call
Also present was City Administrator Culotta, 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.	
Mayor Manier asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the past year and look forward to the year 2016. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.	Pledge of Allegiance
The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.	Agenda Review
Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman J. Gee seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the December 14, 2015 regular Council meeting; and approve & authorize TIF2 subsidy payment: Black, Black, & Brown, 115 Washington Square. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Dingledine, Brucks, Maxwell, Moss, Butler, Brownfield, J. Gee, T. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Approve Consent Agenda
None.	Announcements
None.	Audience Comments
Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman T. Gee, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Ordinance B).	Standing Committees
Mayor Manier thanked City staff and Public Works crews for their hard work in battling the recent ice storm and keeping roadways clear of tree debris. He commended Ameren for all their hard work in the extreme conditions that they had to endure as well. He introduced City Administrator Jim Culotta and shared his excitement in welcoming him to the community.	Mayor’s Comments
City Administrator Culotta read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing a representative to sign loan documents. Adoption of this resolution would update the previous resolution from Tim Gleason to Jim Culotta to be the City’s representative in signing for State/Federal loans for construction of Public Water Supply or Sewage Treatment Works, in this case matching funds for improvements to Sewer Treatment Plant #2. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Maxwell, T. Gee, Brucks, Butler, J. Gee, Moss, Brownfield, Dingledine <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt resl, authrz representative to sign loan documents (STP #2)
City Administrator Culotta read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to extend for one-year an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Adoption of this ordinance would approve the extension of an agreement between the City of Washington, IL and the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau regarding tourism development, promotion and recruitment services for a one-year period ending on December 31, 2016. Among other things, the agreement provides for the payment of a share of the city’s Hotel-Motel Tax Revenues to the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. Alderman Dingledine asked what the amount was for this past year and Controller Baxter shared that it was around \$14,000. Alderman J. Gee shared that they are required to report back as part of the agreement and the last report was about six months ago. Mayor Manier shared that they will be providing a report in February and that he does meet with them every quarter. Alderman Gee asked for the information to be forwarded to the Council once it’s reported. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Butler, Maxwell, Brownfield, T. Gee, Dingledine, J. Gee, Moss, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt ord, authrz Intergovernmental Agreement w/ Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
City Administrator Culotta provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending Chapter 91 entitled “Animals” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois, regarding the allowance of bees within the City limits. Adoption of this ordinance would allow beekeeping in residential zoning districts following the approval of a special use permit. Among other things it provides for a maximum of two beehives per registered property, as well as setbacks, fencing, and sign requirements. Mayor Manier shared that this ordinance is brought forward from the Public Services Committee and asked P & D Director Oliphant to give a report. P & D Director Oliphant shared the following: a resident contacted the city about beekeeping and was told that under the current ordinance it was not allowed; staff was directed	1 st read ords, amending Chapter 91, Animals, beekeeping; and authrz addendum to MABAS agreement

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Staff Reports	<p>Mayor Manier asked everyone to continue keeping Police Chief Volk in their thoughts and prayers with the recent loss of his sister.</p> <p>Police Chief Volk shared the New Year’s Eve was typical and uneventful again this year.</p> <p>Alderman J. Gee asked for details of the press release on the storm debris pickup to be shared and City Administrator Culotta shared that a press release was issued today in regards to the special collection of storm debris that will take place within the week and turned it over to Public Works Director Andrews to share the details. Andrews shared that the curbside brush pickup will begin on Wednesday, January 6th and run through Friday, January 15th during our standard working hours. He shared that the Diebel Road drop off site will be closed to residents while the pickup is taking place in order to avoid vehicular conflicts. He shared that the Diebel Road site will be open on Saturday, January 9th from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for residents to drop off storm debris. He shared that we plan to get one round of pickup done and will start on the southeast side of town and move west. He asked residents to have brush in manageable sizes for crews to handle. Mayor Manier reminded residents that this is a free service that is not budgeted for and that our annual brush pickup is scheduled for this coming April so if residents are not able to get brush out now our crews will be back around in April. He shared that in order to do this round of pickup our snowplowing equipment has to be removed from all of our trucks and so far the forecast looks good, but it will be weather permitting.</p>
Aldermen’s Comments	Alderman Dingledine welcomed City Administrator Culotta sharing his pleasure that he is here. Alderman Brownfield commended Ameren for the great job they did in the recent ice storm and that he witnessed calmer residents, attributing it to lessons learned from the tornado where residents were upset but knew that things would be taken care of.
Adjournment	At 6:52 p.m. Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk