

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015
PROPOSED 2015 TAX LEVY
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Public Hearing	<p>A public hearing for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2015 City of Washington Tax Levy was opened for comment at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.</p> <p>Present were Mayor Manier, Aldermen Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Maxwell, 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, Attorney Nicole Meyer (Davis & Campbell), and members of the press.</p> <p>Controller Baxter shared a summary of the proposed tax levy increase noting the following: 1) the City’s actual 2014 property tax extension for taxes paid in 2015 is \$1,225,385; 2) the City’s proposed 2015 property tax levy for taxes paid in 2016 is \$1,410,250; 3) the difference being \$184,865 or 15.09%; and 4) the use of the funds are broken down as \$945,000 for pension/retirement costs, \$75,000 for tort judgments/liability, \$32,000 for audit, \$3,300 for civil defense, and \$354,950 for general fund. Mayor Manier shared that the proposed levy has been discussed at several meetings and the 15.09% is misleading as we are catching up from last year with our decrease in assessed valuation due to the tornado impact. Controller Baxter shared that the assessed valuation increased from \$292,078,141 in 2014 to the projected assessed valuation of \$336,144,960 for 2015. She shared that this projected levy will keep the tax rate the same at \$.41954 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Mayor Manier shared that residents who have rebuilt their homes and are assessed at a higher rate than their previous home will see a slight increase in the City’s portion of their tax bill and that those who have remained status quo may see a decrease in the City’s portion.</p>
Public Comments	<p>City Treasurer Dingledine shared that in maintaining the tax rate of \$.41954 the levy amount is just under the pre-tornado level of \$360,000. Alderman J. Gee reminded residents that the City’s portion of their tax bill is 5% and the remaining percentages are from other taxing bodies.</p>
Closed Public Hearing	<p>With no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.</p>

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(Rescheduled December 21st meeting)
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Call to Order	<p>Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, December 14, 2015 to order at 6:36 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.</p>
Roll Call	<p>Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Maxwell. Alderman Butler was absent.</p> <p>Also present was 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, Attorney Nicole Meyer (Davis & Campbell), and members of the press.</p>
Pledge of Allegiance	<p>All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Agenda Review	<p>The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.</p>
Approve Consent Agenda	<p>Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Maxwell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular Council meeting; and bills & payroll. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Brucks, Moss, Dingledine, J. Gee, Brownfield, Maxwell, T. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Audience Comments	<p>None.</p>
Standing Committees	<p>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 nothing on the agenda.</p>
Mayor’s Comments	<p>Mayor Manier asked Alderman Moss to share about the Wreaths Across America ceremony held this past Saturday at Glendale Cemetery. Alderman Moss shared that the weather was great this year as well as the attendance at the ceremony. She shared that we received about 300 additional wreaths that we were not anticipating so a good number of our veterans will receive wreaths this year.</p>
Adopt resl, appr v Service Agreement w/ Good Energy (Municipal Aggregate)	<p>City Clerk Brown read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the execution of a Service Agreement for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program (Electric Aggregation). Adoption of this resolution would provide authority in selecting a supplier for electric services for the Municipal Aggregate Program should market conditions make a bid for such services favorable ahead of the expiration date of the current contract.</p>

<p>Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman J. Gee seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Moss, Dingledine, Maxwell, T. Gee, Brownfield, J. Gee, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Adopt resl, appr Service Agreement w/ Good Energy, Cont.)</p>
<p>City Clerk Brown read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, providing for the annexation of certain territory contiguous to the City of Washington, Illinois, and is not now embraced within the corporate limits of the City of Washington, Illinois, owned by James D. and Julie M. Ashton located near 1326 Lori Lane. Adoption of this ordinance would annex a 0.092-acre parcel located near 1326 Lori Lane into the City of Washington corporate limits. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> T. Gee, Maxwell, Brucks, Moss, J. Gee, Dingledine, Brownfield <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Adopt ord, annex parcel located near 1326 Lori Ln.</p>
<p>City Clerk Brown read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending Chapter 154.107 entitled “I-1 Districts”. Adoption of this ordinance would add body art establishments as a Special Use in an I-1 (light industrial) Zoning District. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> J. Gee, Moss, Brownfield, Dingledine, Maxwell, T. Gee, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Adopt ord, amending Chapt 154.197 entitled “I-1 Districts”</p>
<p>City Clerk Brown read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, levying the annual 2015 Municipal property tax for the City of Washington, County of Tazewell, State of Illinois. Adoption of this ordinance will SET the City’s property tax levy for 2015, taxes payable in 2016, in the total amount of \$1,410,250. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Brownfield, T. Gee, Dingledine, Maxwell, Brucks, Moss, J. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Adopt ord, 2015 tax levy</p>
<p>City Clerk Brown read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, reducing the tax levy for the year 2015, hitherto made in connection with the \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006, of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois. Adoption of this ordinance will ABATE a prior property tax levy in the amount of \$394,369 made in conjunction with the construction of Five Points Washington. This debt service obligation will be paid from the City’s annual operation budget. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Brucks, T. Gee, J. Gee, Moss, Maxwell, Brownfield, Dingledine <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Adopt ord, abate tax levy \$5,000,000</p>
<p>City Clerk Brown provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing an amendment to a Services Agreement between the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, and Good Energy, L.P. concerning professional energy consulting services. Adoption of this ordinance would renew and extend a Services Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. for electricity consulting services in regards to the Municipal Electricity Opt-Out Aggregation Program. 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: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Maxwell, Dingledine, Moss, Brownfield, J. Gee, T. Gee, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Waive second read ord, authrz amendment consulting services agreement, Good Energy</p>
<p>Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adopt the ordinance authorizing an amendment to a Services Agreement between the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, and Good Energy, L.P. concerning professional energy consulting services. There was no further discussion and on roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Moss, Dingledine, Maxwell, T. Gee, Brownfield, Brucks, J. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Adopt ord, authrz amendment consulting services agreement, Good Energy</p>
<p>City Clerk Brown provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance 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. This ordinance will be listed on the January 4th City Council meeting agenda for action.</p>	<p>1st read ords, authrz Intergovernmental Agreement w/ Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau</p>
<p>Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make payment to RA Cullinan & Son, a division of United Contractors Midwest, for progress payment request #10 of the Roadway Restoration Project in the amount of \$303,807.89. He shared that this will reduce the project retainage from 10% to 5% as provided for under the contract.</p>	<p>Roadway Restoration progress payment #10</p>

Roadway Restoration progress payment #10, Cont.)	Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman J. Gee seconded to authorize the progress payment request as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> T. Gee, Maxwell, Dingledine, Brucks, Moss, J. Gee, Brownfield <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Aldermen’s Comments	None.
Executive Session	At 6:50 p.m. Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Maxwell seconded to move to Executive Session for the purpose of pending and/or probable litigation per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> J. Gee, Dingledine, Brucks, Moss, Brownfield, Maxwell, T. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Regular Session /Adjournment	At 7:31 p.m. the Council returned to regular session and Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk