

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, December 5, 2016 to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.
Roll Call	<p>Present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Moehle.</p> <p>Also present was City Administrator Jim Culotta, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Ed Papis, City Treasurer 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. Mayor Manier asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Jim Mamer, Morton Community Bank who recently passed away.
Agenda Review	The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.
Approve Consent Agenda	<p>Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Moss seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the November 21, 2016 regular Council meeting; purchase authorization: insurance repairs, Downtown Square wall; and accept & place on file: monthly report for period ending October 31, 2016. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Moehle, Dingledine, T. Gee, Brownfield, J. Gee, Butler, Moss, Brownfield</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Life Saving Award: Police Officer Ryan Hunsinger	Mayor Manier asked Police Chief Papis and Officer Ryan Hunsinger, and Roger Traver and Gary Foley from the Fire Department to step forward. He recognized Police Officer Ryan Hunsinger for his life saving efforts during a call that saved the life of an infant child. Mayor Manier read a commendation recognizing Officer Hunsinger’s life saving efforts, and following the commendation, Police Chief Papis presented and pinned the Life Saving medal to his uniform. Police Chief Papis, Mayor Manier, Roger Traver, and Gary Foley shared their appreciation for the commitment of the officers and a job well done and thanked the entire Department for the great works and professionalism that are displayed each and every day.
Audience Comments	<p>Fire Department Executive Director of Operations, Mr. Roger Traver, provided a brief November Fire Department report noting that 98 calls were received (84 EMS & 14 fire (9 false alarms). He shared that they have made contact with the City’s Public Works Water to coordinate an emergency response training. Alderman Dingledine asked the nature of the false fire alarms and Mr. Traver shared that as a result of having more businesses with automatic alarm systems their number of false alarms have increased, noting that it can sometimes come from someone smoking or cooking and generally they are just resetting the alarms. Mr. Gary Foley, EMS Coordinator, encouraged residents to use common sense and to slow down while driving in the winter weather that is upon us where roadway conditions can become hazardous.</p> <p>Mr. Rich Benson expressed his concern with the trouble they are having with gaining an eastern access to their properties along Business Route 24 (Vito’s and the vacant lot to the west). He shared that it is a public safety issue as well in getting timely and safe emergency responders to those properties as well. He asked for Council’s direction on how to make the eastern accesses along Business Route 24 accessible for all the properties located on the south side of the roadway. He shared his frustration in not knowing what the next step is for his properties and that he would like to be a part of the solution. Mayor Manier shared his appreciation to Mr. Benson for taking the time this evening to share his concerns, noting that it has been unsuccessful in working something out with the neighboring property. He noted that Public Works Director Andrews is working with IDOT on possible median removal along this stretch of roadway and unfortunately the process is a lengthy one. Alderman Butler asked if the only reasonable approach is to remove the median and have a middle turn lane and Andrews commented that the nature of roadway has changed with the opening of the Bypass and he is working with IDOT on a possible limited or complete removal at this time.</p>
Standing Committees	Alderman Moss, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman Butler, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman J. Gee, Public Works Committee Chairman reported four items on the agenda (Ordinance B and Staff Reports A, B, & C).
Mayor’s Comments	Mayor Manier shared that the Candlelight Stroll on the Square this past Thursday was very successful again this year, A Little Bit of Christmas at the Plaza was very successful this past Saturday. And the unveiling of the two honorary street signs at Summit Drive honoring Mr. Mahlon Blumenshine and Mr. Bill Maher this past Sunday was very well attended.
Adopt ord, amending Chapter 154.004 entitled “Definitions”	<p>City Administrator Culotta provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending Chapter 154.004 entitled “Definitions”. Adoption of this ordinance would reinsert language to define a front yard in the Zoning Code after it was inadvertently deleted through a previous text amendment in July 2016. This would adopt the identical language that was deleted. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> T. Gee, Moehle, Butler, Brucks, Moss, J. Gee, Brownfield, Dingledine</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>

<p>City Administrator Culotta provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending part of Chapter 154 entitled “Special Flood Hazard Area Regulations.” Adoption of this ordinance would adopt changes to the City’s floodplain ordinance as mandated through the National Flood Insurance Program. The changes are required as part of the floodplain map modernization program, which become effective for Tazewell County on February 17, 2017. Also included is a regulation that would prohibit fencing from being located within any floodplain. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman J. Gee seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Dingledine, Moss, Brownfield, Moehle, Butler, T. Gee, J. Gee, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Adopt ord, amending Chapter 154 entitled “Special Flood Hazard Area Regulations</p>
<p>City Administrator Culotta provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Illinois to enter into a Purchase and Sale of Real Property Agreement for the sale of 301 Lynnhaven Drive, Washington, Illinois, to Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Peoria Area, Inc. Adoption of this ordinance would approve a Purchase and Sale of Real Property Agreement for the sale of 301 Lynnhaven Drive to Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Peoria, Inc. in an amount of \$11,500 to be used for the eventual construction of a single-family house. Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Brownfield, Butler, J. Gee, Brucks, Dingledine, Moehle, Moss, T. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Adopt ord, authorizing purchase & sale agreement for 301 Lynnhaven Drive, Habitat for Humanity</p>
<p>City Administrator Culotta provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance levying the annual 2016 Municipal property tax for the City of Washington, County of Tazewell, State of Illinois. Adoption of this ordinance would set the City’s property tax levy for 2016, taxes payable in 2017, in the total amount of \$1,445,850. This ordinance will be listed on the December 19th meeting agenda for action.</p>	<p>1st read ord, 2016 tax levy</p>
<p>Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make progress payment #1 to Tri-County Irrigation and Plumbing in the amount of \$7,085.66. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Butler seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Brownfield, T. Gee, Moehle, Brucks, Moss, J. Gee, Butler, Dingledine <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Authrz progress payment #1, Tri-County Irrigation, AMR Phase 2</p>
<p>Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make progress payment #1 to R.A. Cullinan & Son, a division of United Contractors Midwest in the amount of \$423,122.89. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Moehle seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Butler, T. Gee, Brucks, Moss, J. Gee, Dingledine, Moehle, Brownfield <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Authrz progress payment #1, R.A. Cullinan, 2016 MFT street maintenance</p>
<p>Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make progress payment #3 to River City Construction, LLC in the amount of \$327,501. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Butler seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Brucks, Moss, Dingledine, Moehle, Brownfield, T. Gee, Butler, J. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Authrz progress payment #3, River City Construction, STP#2 Phase 2A</p>
<p>Alderman Moss reminded everyone about the upcoming Wreaths Across America ceremony that will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Glendale Cemetery on December 17th at 11:00 a.m. She shared to we have 406 wreaths that were sponsored this year and encouraged those with veterans to come out and take part in placing the wreaths. She shared that there will also be 7 local veterans who will lay wreaths at the Veterans Memorial and that this year marks the 9th annual ceremony in our cemetery.</p>	<p>Alderman’s Comments</p>
<p>At 6:59 p.m. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Moss seconded to move into Executive Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Moehle, J. Gee, Butler, T. Gee, Brucks, Brownfield, Moss, Dingledine <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>	<p>Executive Session</p>
<p>At 7:32 p.m. the Council reconvened in regular session and Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman J. Gee seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u></p>	<p>Adjournment</p>