

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015**  
**LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**  
**380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, December 7, 2015 to order at 6:30 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, and Dingledine. Alderman J. Gee and Maxwell were absent.</p> <p>Also present was Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P &amp; 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	All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Review	The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.
Approve Consent Agenda	<p>Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the November 16, 2015 regular Council meeting and November 30, 2015 special Council meeting; authorize &amp; approve write off of uncollectible accounts; purchase authorization: recycling bins; and accept &amp; place on file: monthly report for period ended October 31, 2015. Alderman Dingledine asked about the option of using larger wheeled totes for recycling and Mayor Manier shared that we chose not to make the use of totes mandatory in the City but that anyone could use the larger wheeled totes for recycling either by contacting and renting one from Waste Management or purchasing one as well. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 6</u> Dingledine, Moss, Butler, T. Gee, Brownfield, Brucks</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Audience Comments	None.
Standing Committees	Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee reported one item on the agenda (Consent B). Alderman T. Gee, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Ordinance A). Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda.
Mayor’s Comments	Mayor Manier shared that Coffee with the Mayor will be held this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. Alderman Carol Moss provided information regarding Saturday’s Wreaths Across America event sharing that it will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will take place in Glendale Cemetery. She shared that quite a few businesses have sponsored wreaths this year and we could have upwards to 100 wreaths that should arrive sometime this Friday. She shared that the wreaths will be stored in the maintenance building in Glendale Cemetery when they arrive. She shared that five veterans will place the ceremonial wreaths and are Mr. Ron Folkers, Mr. Joe Ernst, Mr. John Addler, Mr. Chuck Wilson, and Mr. John Hicks, noting that Mr. Addler, Wilson, and Hicks are all three WWII veterans. She invited everyone to join us as we honor and give thanks to all our veterans. Mayor Manier thanked Alderman Moss for all her hard work in coordinating this wonderful event.
Adopt resl, apprv City Attorney re-appointment and establish fees	<p>City Clerk Brown read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, approving City Attorney reappointment and establishing Attorney’s fees. Adoption of this resolution would reappoint Attorney Richard Russo as City Attorney, Attorney Derek Schryer as Assistant City Attorney, and would approve the use of Attorney Keith Braskich for specialized legal services. Among other things it provides for hourly compensation to remain unchanged for Attorney Russo and Attorney Braskich and to increase by \$10 per hour for Attorney Schryer. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the resolution as read. Mayor Manier indicated that Attorney Schryer became a partner in the firm this year and is reason for the increase in his hourly rate. Alderman Butler asked if the monthly retainer we pay is proving successful and Controller Baxter replied that it is hard to measure. Alderman Butler asked that we keep an eye on this so as not to have it become an annual given. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 6</u> Brownfield, T. Gee, Butler, Brucks, Moss, Dingledine</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, amending Chapter 97 entitled “Parks & Recreation” open air meetings in Washington Square Park	<p>City Clerk Brown read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, amending Chapter 97 “Parks and Recreation” of the City of Washington Code of Ordinances regarding the hours permitted for open air meetings in Washington Square Park. Adoption of this ordinance would extend the hour that open air meetings can be conducted in Washington Square Park to 10:00 p.m. and allows for special exceptions to be considered for charitable organizations. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Butler seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 6</u> T. Gee, Dingledine, Brownfield, Moss, Butler, Brucks</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
1 <sup>st</sup> read ords, annex parcel located near 1326 Lori Ln.; amending Chapt 154.197 entitled “I-1	City Clerk Brown provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance 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; an ordinance 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; an ordinance 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; and an ordinance 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. These ordinances will be listed on the December 14 <sup>th</sup> special City Council meeting agenda for action.	Districts”; 2015 tax levy; and abate tax levy \$5,000,000
Public Works Director Andrews shared that crews handled our first snow event (4.5”) very well and our equipment is in good working order and ready for the next event. Chief Volk reminded residents to turn their headlights on when travelling in foggy conditions. He also reminded residents that vehicle windows need to be scraped appropriately and officers are making stops and handing out scrapers to vehicles that have only cleared a small area to look through. He shared that the recent ‘no shave November’ event raised \$730 for Parkinson’s disease research.	Staff Reports
None.	Aldermen’s Comments
At 6:49 p.m. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>	Adjournment

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Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk