

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, February 1, 2016 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, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Maxwell.</p> <p>Also present was City Administrator Jim 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.</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 T. Gee moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the January 19, 2016 regular Council meeting; and approval of annual J.U.L.I.E. notification charges. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Dingledine, Maxwell, Butler, Moss, Brucks, J. Gee, Brownfield, T. Gee</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Announcements	Alderman Brownfield shared that the Washington Pantherettes placed 12 th at the recent IHSA State competition performing their Washington Strong <i>tribute to the tornado</i> dance. He shared that they have worked hard and performed well but it is still hard to watch even after two years.
Audience Comments	None.
Standing Committees	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 (Staff Report A).
Mayor’s Comments	Mayor Manier shared his excitement with the recent launching of the City’s Facebook page and shared that it will be used as another means to communicate information.
Adopt ord, amending Chapter 154.041 and 154.072	<p>City Administrator Culotta read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending Chapter 154.041 entitled “Yards Required” and Chapter 154.072 entitled “Permitted Uses.” Adoption of this ordinance would formalize setbacks for accessory structures in the City’s agriculture zoning district and revises where boats, campers, trucks, and other recreational vehicles can be located in the City’s country estates zoning district. Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> J. Gee, Butler, Brownfield, T. Gee, Dingledine, Maxwell, Brucks, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Bid opening results, STP #2 Phase 2 Expansion Project	<p>Public Works Director Andrews shared the recent bid results for the STP #2 Phase 2 Expansion Project. He shared that five bids were received and the results have been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for review and concurrence of award to the apparent low bidder, River City Construction in the amount of \$3,562,000. He shared that while formal ratification of the contract would technically be delayed until IEPA’s concurrence, intent of award to River City Construction in the amount of \$3,562,000 is recommended by staff. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Maxwell seconded to approve the bid award to River City Construction in the amount of \$3,562,000, pending IEPA’s review and concurrence. Alderman J. Gee asked for the timetable in a starting date and Public Works Director indicated that it would be no sooner than 30 to 60 days noting that the bids are valid for 120 days. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Brownfield, T. Gee, Butler, Brucks, Moss, Dingledine, Maxwell, J. Gee</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
2016 MFT program and resolution	<p>Public Works Director Andrews requested Council approval of a MFT resolution allocating \$500,000 in MFT funds for the 2016 Street Maintenance Program. He shared that the City would anticipate a maximum MFT expenditure in 2016 of \$1.4M with the anticipated commitment for the City portion of the Tornado Roadway Restoration Contract in the amount of \$898,297 and general roadway maintenance in the amount of \$500,000. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to approve the MFT resolution appropriating \$500,000 in MFT funds for the 2016 MFT Street Maintenance Program. Alderman J. Gee shared that it will be great to get the tornado roadway project completed this spring and looks forward to getting back to our regular maintenance program as well. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Brucks, Maxwell, Moss, Butler, Brownfield, J. Gee, T. Gee, Dingledine</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Automated meter reading process update	Public Works Director Andrews shared a brief summary of the project and reviewed the logistics component of the project as well. He shared that the City’s GIS information has been incorporated and will be used as a part of the meter replacement component of the project and

that we are still about a month out before meter exchanges begin with homeowners. Controller Baxter shared that homeowners will receive notification about their meter exchange through a letter generated by the City with an indication for them to make contact with United Meters, Inc., who have been subcontracted through HD Supply to do the meter exchanges. She shared that multiple letters will be sent if there is no response. She shared that they are looking at electronic billing options and costs and comparing them to our current costs for cost effectiveness. She shared that they are reviewing billing schedules to move from quarterly to monthly billing with a more gradual approach. She indicated that more information will be forthcoming on the City’s website, quarterly newsletter, and Facebook page. Mayor Manier shared the importance of homeowners receiving a letter that they are confident is coming from the City. Public Works Director Andrews shared that those working for United Meters will have City of Washington ID’s and will also have been through a thorough background check before they make any contact with residents. A brief discussion ensued on the meter exchange process.

Automated meter reading process update, Cont.)

None.

Aldermen’s Comments

At 6:55 p.m. Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk