

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order	Mayor Gary W. Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, March 2, 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, Dingleline, J. Gee and Schneider. Aldermen Butler was absent.</p> <p>Also present was City Administrator Tim Gleason, Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Don Volk, City Treasurer Ellen Dingleline, 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 Moss moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the February 16, 2015 regular Council meeting and January 31, 2015 special Council meeting; contribution authorization, IHSA March Madness Experience; payment authorization, Business Route 24 emergency repairs; and accept & place on file the monthly reports for periods ended October 2014 – January 2015. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> J. Gee, Brownfield, Schneider, Dingleline, T. Gee, Brucks, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Employee Introductions: Brian Rittenhouse; Michael Brown; Dramane Taylor	<p>Police Chief Volk introduced Police Officer Michael Brown and Police Officer Dramane Taylor who were recently hired into the Department. Officer Taylor shared that he is from Peoria and plans to do a good job in Washington and appreciates the opportunity to be an officer in the community. Officer Brown shared that he is from Pekin, has lived in Washington the past 10-years, and is looking forward to serving as an officer in Washington.</p> <p>Public Works Director Andrews introduced Brian Rittenhouse who began his duties as Wastewater Treatment Supervisor one week ago. Brian Rittenhouse shared that he is from Macomb, has 7-years of public works experience, has received both his Class A Water Operator and Class 1 Wastewater Operator certifications, and appreciates the opportunity to work in the Public Works Department.</p>
Audience Comments	None.
Standing Committees	Alderman Dingleline, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Introductions of New Officer’s). Alderman J. Gee, Public Services Committee Chairman reported two items on the agenda (Ordinance D & Staff Reports A).
Mayor’s Comments	Mayor Manier shared the he had the opportunity to attend a reception held for the WCHS wrestling team who finished as runner up in the recent state championship. He shared that individually there were also three state titles as well as three runners up and congratulated the team for all their accomplishments at state. He shared that the next Coffee with the Mayor will be held on Saturday, March 7 th from 8-10 a.m. at Maria’s restaurant. He shared a statement regarding the recent Primary Election held at Five Points Washington noting the following: seems everywhere I go I hear opinions about the election; a lot of concerned citizens on what took place; words that residents are sharing are “weird” and “strange;” hoping not to see all the precinct polls in one location in the future; and the City does not control election day, it is controlled through the Tazewell County Election office.
Adopt resl, urging protection of LGDF revenues	<p>City Administrator Gleason read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, urging the Governor and General Assembly to protect full funding of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenues. Adoption of this gives support to no reductions of the (LGDF) state-shared income tax revenue which could result in a \$749,133 loss of revenue for the City of Washington if a proposed 50% reduction is approved. Alderman Dingleline moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the resolution as read. Alderman Dingleline asked for the resolution to be expanded on and City Administrator Gleason shared that the proposed reduction came out of the Governor’s recent budget speech as a means to help in balancing the state budget and the Illinois Municipal League has taken a lead role in aggressively campaigning against a proposed reduction that will affect revenues in all local municipal governments throughout the state. Alderman Dingleline shared his concern with the push back on local governments. Mayor Manier shared his concern as well. Alderman Schneider shared that sooner or later we have to come to the reality that the state is overspent and someone will have to step up to pay. He shared that he is not saying it is right, but that something needs to be done. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Moss, Dingleline, J. Gee, Brucks, T. Gee, Schneider, Brownfield</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, amending zoning ord by rezoning 2119 Washington Rd from R-1 to C-2	City Administrator Gleason provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, by rezoning 2119 Washington Road from R-1 to C-2. Adoption of this ordinance would rezone 2119 Washington Road from R-1 to C-2. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to adopt the ordinance as presented.

On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Dingleline, Schneider, Brownfield, Moss, J. Gee, T. Gee, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt ord, amending zoning ord by rezoning 2119 Washington Rd from R-1 to C-2, Cont.)
City Administrator Gleason provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance approving and adopting a Utility Identity Theft Prevention Program. Adoption of this ordinance will adopt a Utility Identity Theft Prevention Program for the City’s water utility customers. Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Schneider, Dingleline, Brucks, J. Gee, Brownfield, Moss, T. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt ord, apprv utility identity theft prevention program
City Administrator Gleason provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance approving and adopting an Identity Protection Policy with regard to the collection, use, and communication of individuals’ social security numbers. Adoption of this ordinance will adopt an Identity Protection Policy for the City of Washington. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> T. Gee, Dingleline, Schneider, Moss, J. Gee, Brownfield, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt ord, apprv identity protection policy
City Administrator Gleason 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, Tazewell County, Illinois, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Washington and County of Tazewell for upgraded digital orthophotography. Adoption of this ordinance would approve an intergovernmental agreement between the City and Tazewell County for the completion of six-inch resolution orthophotography for the city limits and 1.5 mile extraterritorial planning jurisdiction. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adopt the ordinance as presented. Alderman J. Gee commented that this was done four years ago and we are getting a good bargain as the amount is considerably less. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Dingleline, Schneider, Moss, Brownfield, T. Gee, Brucks, J. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt ord, authrz agreement for digital orthophotography
City Administrator Gleason provided first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to execute a residential solid waste contract with Waste Management of Illinois, Inc., a Delaware Corporation for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2020. Adoption of this ordinance would enter into a residential solid waste collection contract with Waste Management, Inc. The 5-year contract reflects a 3% increase for basic and recycling services in years 2-5 with no increase to the current rates in year one. All flat rate optional services costs will remain the same as found in the previous 5-year contract. This ordinance will be listed on the March 16 th meeting agenda for action.	1 st reading ord, authrz contract for solid waste services, Waste Management of IL, Inc.
Public Works Director Andrews requested Council approval of a MFT resolution allocating \$1,000,000 in MFT funds for the 2015 Street Maintenance Program. He also shared, outside of this annual MFT funding program, in regards to the \$6.5M discretionary funding for the tornado impacted area that a public meeting will be held at Five Points Washington, Banquet Room D, on Thursday, March 19 th from 4-7 p.m. to engage citizens on how the rehabilitation of roadway, curb & gutter, and sidewalks will progress this construction season in the affected areas. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Dingleline seconded to approve the MFT resolution appropriating \$1,000,000 in MFT funds for the 2015 MFT Street Maintenance Program. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Brucks, T. Gee, Schneider, Moss, Brownfield, Dingleline, J. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	2015 MFT program and resolution
P & D Director Oliphant shared an update on several grants that the City is in the process of pursuing. The first update was on the (HUD) National Disaster Resilience Competition grant and the following comments were shared: the City was made aware of this grant a few weeks ago; any federally-declared disaster between 2011-2013 is eligible; it is dependent on household income and two census tracts in the City are eligible; all grants issued will be a minimum of \$1M; project needs to be connected with an area that suffered damage from the disaster; the project will likely focus primarily on reducing flooding in Washington Estates; and HUD does provide additional points with local support so options are being looked at that may help us in achieving a better score. The second update was on the (USDA) Rural Business Enterprise grant and the following comments were shared: received word last Friday that they have accepted pre-application; City was made eligible as a result of the tornado; if approved it would establish the first revolving loan fund (RLF) in the City; allows for up to \$99,000 as seed money to start the RLF; is geared for existing small businesses and provides gap financing for items such as acquiring inventory and working capital, new and used equipment purchases, and supporting new technologies; and the final application could be reviewed and a decision made by mid to late summer. The third update was on Frontier’s America’s Best Communities grant and the following comments were shared: it provides financial assistance to revitalize communities through economic development initiatives; City and Chamber would like to submit an application; application deadline is March 25 th with quarterfinalists being announced on April 29 th ; all cities invited to the quarterfinal round receive \$35,000 and must have a \$15,000 local match; these funds are used to create a Community Revitalization Plan; finalists	Grant Updates

Grant Updates, Cont.)	will be announced in April 2016 and receive \$100,000 to bring the Plan to life; and the grand prize awards for three winners will be announced in April 2017 and will range from \$1M to \$3M.
Authrz Frontier grant commitment	P & D Director Oliphant requested Council authorization to proceed with Frontier’s grant request and the commitment to a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000 if it moves to the quarterfinal round. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> T. Gee, Dingledine, J. Gee, Moss, Schneider, Brownfield, Brucks <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Other Staff Reports	Mayor Manier asked P & D Director Oliphant to share information on the certified letters that residents received in regards to a cell tower that was being located at 206 Willow Lane (behind the Shell gas station). P & D Director Oliphant shared that the City received word from Tazewell County a couple of months ago about them permitting a 105’ cell tower at 206 Willow Lane, noting that the property is outside the city limits. He shared that the County mailed certified letters out last week and that is about as much as we know. Mayor Manier shared that it would have been nice for the County to make us aware through the process as it is within the City’s mile and a half planning jurisdiction. P & D Director Oliphant shared that he has expressed this with the County and that we will be notified through the process in the future. Alderman Dingledine asked where the access location will be to get to the tower and P & D Director Oliphant replied that it will be a gravel drive off of Muller Road. Alderman Dingledine shared his concern that if access comes off Muller Road it does affect City property.
Aldermen’s Comments	Alderman Moss shared that she is receiving complaints from residents about newspapers being thrown from cars that end up washing into storm drains and a few have stated that it makes the cleaning off of sidewalks difficult when the newspapers get caught up in snow blowers as well and asked if anything can be done to curtail this. City Administrator Gleason replied that he will check into this by reaching out to the newspapers and report his findings back. Alderman Moss commented on the recent election by saying that she was contacted by many people about this and the words that stick out from her conversations are “feelings of intimidation.” She informed them that they should make contact with the County Clerk. Alderman Dingledine shared that it doesn’t appear that having all the polls in one location was such a good idea and they should have been spread out into each ward. He shared his congratulations to Washington Middle School on their recent basketball championship.
Executive Session	At 7:08 p.m. Alderman T. Gee 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 and for the purpose of semi-annual review of executive session minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Brownfield, Brucks, Dingledine, J. Gee, Schneider, Moss, T. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Regular Session	At 7:52 p.m. the Council reconvened in regular session on motion by Alderman Brownfield and second by Alderman Moss. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>
Approve 2014 Executive Session minutes, City Council	Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to approve the 2014 City Council Executive Session minutes of September 2 and October 21. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>
Adopt resl, release & retain confidential 2014 Executive Session minutes & authrz destruction-audio recordings	City Administrator Gleason read a resolution, by title and brief synopsis, regarding release and destruction-(audio recordings) of City Council executive session minutes. Adoption of this resolution will authorize the confidential treatment of specific City Council executive session minutes and the release of specific executive session minutes between the months of July 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 and also authorizes the confidential treatment and release of specific Committee of the Whole, Finance & Personnel, and Public Safety Committee executive session minutes for the same time period. It also provides for the destruction of verbatim recordings of executive sessions that have occurred more than eighteen months from the date of this resolution. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Schneider, Moss, Brucks, J. Gee, T. Gee, Brownfield, Dingledine <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Adopt resl, release of previously reviewed Executive Session minutes held confidential	City Administrator Gleason read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, regarding release of previously reviewed executive session minutes. Adoption of this resolution authorizes the continued confidential treatment and release of specific City Council executive session minutes previously held as confidential. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> T. Gee, Dingledine, Schneider, Brownfield, Moss, Brucks, J. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Adjournment	At 7:56 p.m. Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman J. Gee seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>