

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, March 7, 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, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Maxwell. Alderman Butler was absent.</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 February 15, 2016 regular Council meeting; revised memorandum of understanding: Tazewell County ETSB (E911), Water Tower antenna; approve & authorize TIF subsidy payment #1: Brecklin’s Service Center, 119 Walnut Street; and purchase authorization: water meters, HD Supply. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Maxwell, Dingledine, Moss, Brucks, J. Gee, Brownfield, T. Gee</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Announcements	Mayor Manier shared that members of the WCHS Wrestling Team will be in attendance at the next City Council meeting. Alderman Brownfield shared his experience in following the team these last six weeks and how impressed he was at the commitment it takes and how they stepped up to win the Class 2A State Dual Team Championship. Mayor Manier shared that there were also several individual wins as well and congratulated them on their amazing accomplishments.
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 nothing on the agenda.
Mayor’s Comments	None.
Adopt ord, granting special use to 305, 315-329 Zinser Pl. body art studio	<p>City Administrator Culotta read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, granting a Special Use to allow a body art establishment and art studio to operate at 305 and 315-329 Zinser Place. Adoption of this ordinance would allow a body art establishment and art studio to operate at 305 and 315-329 Zinser Place in an I-1 zoning district. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> J. Gee, Moss, Brownfield, Maxwell, Brucks, T. Gee, Dingledine</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, amending Chapters 154.141, .148, & .154	<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 154.141 entitled “Definitions,” Chapter 154.148 entitled “General Standards,” and Chapter 154.154 entitled “Billboards.” Adoption of this ordinance would define an obsolete sign and add language that specifies when such obsolete signs would need to be removed and would allow small billboard signs to be lighted if they are located 300’ from residential properties and separated by a highway with a speed limit of at least 55 miles per hour. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Dingledine, Brownfield, Maxwell, T. Gee, J. Gee, Moss, Brucks</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, certifying Northern Tazewell Enterprise Zone	<p>City Administrator Culotta read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, regarding the Enterprise Zone which includes territory located within the corporate limits of the City of Washington. Adoption of this ordinance would certify the requirements of the new Northern Tazewell Enterprise Zone and would establish the Planning & Development Director as the City’s representative on the Enterprise Zone Administrative Board. Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Maxwell seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Brownfield, T. Gee, Dingledine, J. Gee, Brucks, Maxwell, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Automated Meter Reading Update	Public Works Director Andrews provided an update on the Automated Meter Reading Project noting the following: weekly progress meetings are now being held via conference calls; the antenna is being installed on the water tower; a total of 1,600 meters have been converted to date; and the conversion from a 100 to 1 gallon read will tighten things up for a substantial enhancement in cost savings. Controller Baxter provided an informational update as follows: the recent March 1 st utility bills included an informational letter that has also been made available on the City’s website and Facebook page that gives an overview of the project and answers a number of questions that customers may have. She shared that this letter will also be going

out with the May 1st utility bills and a gradual billing transition is planned to get us to a monthly billing cycle on October 1st; the letter also explains the current direct debt option that is available for customers to pay their bills and quite a number have already taken advantage of this option; and the next letter that customers will receive will be on City letterhead but will come from our contracted meter installer, United Meters, the first week of April. Residents will be asked to call and make an appointment through United Meter to install their new radio meter and residents are urged to follow the directions to schedule their appointment to keep things moving forward as efficient as possible. Alderman Dingleline asked the how the process will work for someone who has a higher than normal bill and Public Works Director Andrews shared that with the radio read technology the account would be flagged when a steady flow is registered indicating that a possible leak is occurring and the billing department would see this information and pass it along to the resident immediately.

Automated Meter
Reading Update, Cont.)

Police Chief Volk shared that they will be bringing on two new Part-time Police Officers in the next couple of weeks and promote an officer to fill the Part-time Commander position that was created with the recent passing of Tony Maggio. He also shared that they have sent two full-time police officer candidates for their next step in the testing process and will be swearing in those two new full-time officers once their testing is successful and complete.

Staff Reports

P & D Director Oliphant shared that with the passing of the obsolete sign ordinance this evening it will give us the ability to get a firm window on the enforcement of signs.

None.

Alderman’s Comments

At 6:50 p.m. Alderman Dingleline moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk