

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, April 4, 2016 to order at 6:38 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.
Roll Call	<p>Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Brownfield, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Maxwell. Alderman Brucks was absent.</p> <p>Also present was City Administrator Jim Culotta, Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P &amp; D Director Jon Oliphant, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Stevens, 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 amended on motion by Alderman J. Gee and seconded by Alderman Brownfield to remove Item B. from the Consent Agenda (Purchase Authorization: 15T Tag Trailer, Public Works). <u>Motion declared carried by voice vote.</u>
Approve Consent Agenda	<p>Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Maxwell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular Council meeting. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Moss, Brownfield, Dingledine, J. Gee, T. Gee, Maxwell, Butler</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Audience Comments	None.
Standing Committees	Alderman Butler, 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 Reports A).
Mayor’s Comments	<p>Mayor Manier mentioned that the High School Wrestling Team will be here on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April to be recognized for their team and individual state championships. He recognized the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Volley Ball Team that recently won state and thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their roles in welcoming home the students as they entered town.</p> <p>Public Works Director Andrews shared that the community wide brush pickup will begin the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>.</p>
Adopt resl, setting public hearing date, tentative FY16-17 budget	<p>City Administrator Culotta read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, regarding the City of Washington, Illinois tentative annual budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Adoption of this resolution sets a date for a Public Hearing on the city’s FY2016-17 Annual Budget for 6:30 pm, Monday, April 11, 2016 and, furthermore, directs that the Tentative Annual Budget for FY2016-17 be made available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to adopt the resolution as presented. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Maxwell, Butler, Moss, Brownfield, J. Gee, T. Gee, Dingledine</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, apprv first time homebuyers transfer of volume cap	<p>City Administrator Culotta read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters. Adoption of this ordinance would approve participation in the First Time Homebuyers Program. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> T. Gee, Butler, Maxwell, Moss, J. Gee, Brownfield, Dingledine</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, amend code adding Square building design guidelines	<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 adding a new Subchapter entitled “Square Building Design Guidelines.” Adoption of this ordinance would provide a set of architectural guidelines to preserve the character of the historic buildings in the downtown square and to guide property owners and the Historic Preservation Commission in future alterations, changes, construction, and demolition around the Square. Alderman Moss 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, Butler, Brownfield, Dingledine, Maxwell, T. Gee, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Adopt ord, granting district designation to multiple properties on Washington Square	<p>City Administrator Culotta read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, granting District Designation Status to multiple properties on the Washington Square, Washington, Illinois. Adoption of this ordinance would create a Historic District including multiple properties on the Washington Square. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Butler, J. Gee, T. Gee, Dingledine, Maxwell, Moss, Brownfield</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>

City Administrator Culotta read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, amending §112.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois to increase the number of Class F Liquor Licenses and decrease the number of Class J Liquor Licenses. Adoption of this ordinance would increase the number of Class F liquor licenses from five (5) to six (6) and decrease the number of Class J liquor licenses from four (4) to two (2). The increase in the number of Class F licenses will allow a recent request of Liquor Oasis, 1600 Washington Road, to be issued a Class F “off-premise package” liquor license. The decrease in the number of Class J “restaurant” licenses is the result of Mendoza’s closing and the oversight of not decreasing the number when Blacksmith’s Steakhouse received a Class A license in August of 2015. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Butler seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:  
Ayes: 7 Brownfield, T. Gee, Maxwell, Moss, J. Gee, Butler, Dingledine  
Nays: 0  
Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, amend liquor code increase Class F and decrease Class J

City Administrator Culotta provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance adopting a budget for corporate purposes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017 and approving certain amendments to the FY15-16 Budget. Adoption of this ordinance would approve the City of Washington’s budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending on April 30, 2017 in the amount of \$31,796.919. As required by state statute, a public hearing on the city’s FY 2016-17 Tentative Annual Budget is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016; an ordinance amending §112.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois to increase the number of Class F liquor licenses and decrease the number of Class J liquor licenses. Adoption of this ordinance would increase the number of Class F liquor licenses from six (6) to seven (7) and decrease the number of Class C liquor licenses from three (3) to two (2). This is a recent request of Casey’s General Stores, Inc., 2201 Washington Road, to move from a Class C “beer and wine off-premise package” to a Class F “alcoholic liquor off-premise package” liquor license. The City’s Liquor Commission has made a recommendation for approval; and an ordinance adopting City of Washington Official Map of Zoning Districts for 2016. Adoption of this ordinance would approve the City of Washington Official Zoning Map for 2016 as required by state statute. These ordinances will be listed on the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for action.

1<sup>st</sup> reading ords, adopt FY16-17 Budget & apprvt amendments to FY15-16 Budget; amend liquor code increase Class F and decrease Class C; and adopt official 2016 zoning map

Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to enter into a contract with Strand & Associates, Inc. for preliminary and final engineering and bidding-related services for the STP No. 2 Phase 2B interceptor sewer project in the amount of \$541,700 to be paid on a time and material, not to exceed basis. He shared that the scope of services has been expanded to include wet well preliminary engineering and to provide more protection on the creek crossing. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was:  
Ayes: 7 Moss, Brownfield, Maxwell, Butler, J. Gee, T. Gee, Dingledine  
Nays: 0  
Motion declared carried.

Authrz design engineering support: Strand & Assoc, STP No. 2 Phase 2B – interceptor sewer

Deputy Police Chief Stevens provided an alternative to the recent request to have employees present at each of the sirens when they are tested. He shared that each siren could be on a control box that would give us a complete function check that would include whether the siren turned and if the batteries are good. He shared that he has spoken with Neal Ragan at Ragan Communications and he said that it is a good test. He shared that silent tests can be done as well and if it meets Council direction the funding (under \$12,000) can be looked into for next fiscal year. Alderman J. Gee shared that this proposal could be a minimum but would like to have someone present once a quarter to make sure they are working as electronics can fail. Alderman Butler shared that he would like to see us investigate a volunteer component to the testing perhaps using ESDA members as an alternative to having employees present at the sirens. Mayor Manier asked that the control box feature be included in the budget to have the technology to test silently. Alderman J. Gee asked if the duplicate switch was installed in the lower level of the Police Department to set the sirens off and Deputy Chief Stevens shared that he did not think so but he would check on it.

Alderman’s Comments

Deputy Chief Stevens also shared that policing has seen a slight rise in nuisance complaints but nothing significant with the start of spring break. He shared that door to door solicitors are out and encouraged anyone to contact the Police Department if a solicitor knocks at their door without a previous invitation. The Mayor also commented that the City does not send anyone out to go door to door to solicit.

At 7:04 p.m. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment