

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015**  
**LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**  
**380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.**

Mayor Gary W. Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, May 18, 2015 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.	Call to Order
Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, and J. Gee.	Roll Call
Also present was Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Don Volk, Assistant City Attorney Derek Schryer, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and members of the press.	
All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.	Pledge of Allegiance
The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.	Agenda Review
Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the May 4, 2015 regular Council meeting and April 20, 2015 and April 14, 2014 special City Council meetings; bills and payroll; Square/entrance sign watering maintenance authorization; Tarvin/Farm 2 culvert replacement authorization (R/C Flyers); final pay request, N. Cummings Ln. recreation trail; and final pay request, U.S. Rte. 8 sidewalks. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Dingledine, Brucks, J. Gee, Butler, Brownfield, Moss, T. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Approve Consent Agenda
Mayor Manier reminded everyone of the Memorial Day parade that will stop off from Heartland Bank at 10:00 a.m. and end at the Veteran’s Memorial in Glendale Cemetery. He also shared that Good Neighbor Days will get underway on the 27 <sup>th</sup> and end on the 31 <sup>st</sup> .	Announcements
April Crotts shared her concerns with this evening’s scheduled appointment of Travis Maxwell as Ward IV Alderman to fill the unexpired term vacancy left as a result of the recent resignation of Gene Schneider. She shared that understanding her reps experience and policy positions are her priorities and as a Ward IV resident she will not have the opportunity to vet her representative in this time of recovery, increased taxation, and city backed development and this is not okay with her. She shared that she reached out to both Mayor Manier and Alderman J. Gee about her desire to have Daniel Cobb appointed as her rep. She shared that she submitted to them in conversation that the lack of an open call for interested community members and public vetting had the potential to reinforce certain narratives within the community; the good ole boys club, lack of transparency, and cronyism, regardless of who was appointed. She shared her views about the lack of communication between Washington leaders and the public, and given the resources that are available today, is there a weighted responsibility for our leadership to bridge the gap. She shared that in considering Cobb as a viable candidate it would have gone a long way in improving communication and moral for a significant portion of the community, especially those 45% who voted for him in the recent primary election. She shared that in the appointment of Daniel Cobb the Mayor would have demonstrated his benevolence as a leader who values hard working, publically vetted, well performing candidates. It would have undercut the good ole boys club narrative and it would have been a compromise. She shared her views on why Daniel Cobb was the most ethical choice for the appointment and that she would have liked to see more time for public feedback on the appointment.	Audience Comments
Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Ordinance C). Alderman T. Gee, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Ordinance A).	Standing Committees
Mayor Manier requested Council approval of the following Building Board of Review appointments: Dave Roth and Todd Light. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to concur with the appointments as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Moss, Brownfield, Butler, J. Gee, T. Gee, Brucks, Dingledine <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Appointments: Building Board of Review, Dave Roth & Todd Light
Mayor Manier requested Council approval of the appointment of Travis L. Maxwell to fill the unexpired term vacancy as Ward IV Alderman. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to concur with the appointment as presented. Alderman J. Gee shared his support in appointing Travis and has had the opportunity to get to know him and discuss several City issues and he will be a great addition to the City Council and represent Ward IV well. Alderman Butler shared his support of the appointment and his appreciation for the comments from the public but he pointed out that the law is specific on how it works and the appointment is the Mayor’s alone to make and the Council either approves or rejects the appointment. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 7</u> Butler, Brucks, T. Gee, Dingledine, Brownfield, Moss, J. Gee <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Appointment: Alderman, Ward IV, Travis Maxwell
None.	Mayor’s Comments

Adopt resl, ratify Summary Plan Description , Health Benefit Plan	<p>City Clerk Brown read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, to ratify the restated Summary Plan Description of the City of Washington’s Health Benefit Plan, and to ratify the prior Summary Plan Description and Amendments thereto. Adoption of this resolution will ratify a restatement of the summary description of the summary plan description of the health benefits plan offered to qualifying City employees and their dependents. Changes in the law, notably changes brought by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly called Obamacare, necessitated changes to the plans terms. This restatement of the plan has been reviewed by counsel and was approved by Tim Gleason in March 2015 prior to his leaving the City’s employment. Prior to that, the plan was amended as a first step in seeking compliance with changes in the law. This resolution seeks simply to ratify those changes to the summary plan description which have already been approved and made by City staff to re-affirm that the City has brought its plan into compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> J. Gee, Dingledine, Moss, Butler, T. Gee, Brownfield, Brucks</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
1 <sup>st</sup> reading ords, annexing 2598 Centennial Drive; dec Class D liq licenses; and apprv agreement to purchase 126 N. Main Street (Bearden property)	<p>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 F-5 Inc. located at 2598 Centennial Drive. Adoption of this ordinance would annex a 33.46-acre parcel and adjacent right-of-way located at the southwest corner of Spring Creek Road and Centennial Drive into the City of Washington corporate limits; an ordinance amending §112.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to decrease the number of Class D liquor licenses. Adoption of this ordinance would decrease the number of Class D liquor licenses from four (4) to three (3). This decrease is a result of Maria’s Restaurant not wishing to renew their Class D license; and an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Illinois to enter into an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property for the purchase of 126 N. Main Street, Washington, Illinois, from the Estate of David D. Bearden. Adoption of this ordinance would approve an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property for the purchase of the property commonly known as 126 N. Main Street, Washington, Illinois, from the Estate of David D. Bearden in the amount of \$102,750.00, to be used as a public parking lot. These ordinances will be listed on the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting agenda for action. Mayor Manier shared that TIF funding will be used to purchase the Bearden property which will be used to provide much needed public parking on the Square. He shared that it has been a long time coming and thanked Assistant City Attorney Derek Schryer for his hard work and due diligence in helping to make this a reality.</p>
Payment authrz: STP No. 2 repairs, progress payment #4, River City Construction	<p>Controller Baxter requested payment authorization for progress payment #4 to River City Construction in the amount of \$208,969.60 for the work that has been completed through January 19, 2015 on the storm related repairs at STP No. 2. She shared that a 5% retainage remains in place to cover a number of unfinished punch list items. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 7</u> Brownfield, Moss, Butler, J. Gee, Brucks, T. Gee, Dingledine</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Aldermen’s Comments	<p>Alderman Dingledine reminded everyone that the Weather Channel program covering the Washington tornado is scheduled at 8:00 p.m. this evening.</p>
Swearing in Public Officials	<p>City Clerk Brown swore in Ward IV Alderman Travis Maxwell.</p>
Adjournment	<p>At 6:50 p.m. Alderman Maxwell moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u></p>

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Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk