

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Five Points, Washington Banquet Room

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, May 17, 2021 to order at 6:30 p.m. in a banquet room at Five Points, Washington, 360 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois

Roll Call Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder.

Also Present City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Stevens, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, and City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar

Pledge of Allegiance All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Review The agenda was reviewed.

Approve Consent Agenda Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items:
Approval of minutes of May 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and May 10, 2021
a. Special City Council Meeting
b. Bills and Payroll
c. TIF Pay Request #3 - Aberdeen Enterprises, LLC, 114 and 118 Peoria Street
d. Holland Street Pay Request #6 – Final Pay Estimate

Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Cobb seconded.

Brownfield asked to clarify why the Millenia and Strand payments went out later than expected. Mr. Carr explained that the Strand bills are continued work with the US Army Corps of Engineers as well as IDNR with changes to the possible routes as well as continued work at the Treatment Plant which will require upgrades regardless of route location. Also, the Millenia borings were needed at the treatment plant and they added borings for two additional properties while they were in the area.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Announcements and Proclamations	<p>Comprehensive Plan Idea Session- BR 24 Design Inspirations was presented by Mr. Oliphant who brought in Zach Borders from Civic Artworks to provide details. Mr. Oliphant stated that most of the work has been done behind the scenes at this point and they have received initial public input. Mr. Borders explained that he is from Washington and is invested in the community. He went on to explain that there are many interwoven elements to a comprehensive plan that impact each other. Mr. Borders shared that they are focusing on USB24 as it is the spine that runs through the community. He also shared that USB24 is an “auto focused” area that could bring in some green space and pedestrian friendly areas. He asked Council what are the characteristics of roadways that they have found successful. Alderman Stevens shared a list that she received from Facebook that described the look and feel of items that could be placed on or near the roadway. Mayor Manier noted that the median makes it difficult to cross USB24 and divides the City in half. Alderman Brownfield noted his appreciation for Grandview Drive because it is scenic. Wide sidewalks were also noted. Mr. Borders asked for opinions on adding bicycle friendly areas. Alderman Stevens noted that it is difficult for kids to cross the street to visit popular restaurants. Mr. Borders asked how Council would feel if, hypothetically a building were proposed that was close to the street and more than one-story. Mayor Manier stated his approval so long as it not too expensive for the City for the infrastructure changes. Alderman Blundy shared his approval for the previously mentioned items as well and likes the idea of a safer way for he and his family to cross to the local businesses. Mr. Blundy questioned whether trying all the items at once would be too crowded. Mr. Borders shared that bringing buildings closer to the street, changes the psychology of the area which causes drivers to slow down due to feeling the need for additional safety.</p>
Audience Comments	None were provided.
Standing Committee- Finance & Personnel Committee	Chairman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, shared that there is a second reading tonight under ordinance for the Washington Historical Society TIF request.
Standing Committee- Public Safety Committee	Chairman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, shared that there are no agenda items for this meeting and introduced Chief McCoy who thanked Council for their support for the Honor’s Luncheon that took place the previous week.
Standing Committee- Public Works Committee	<p>Chairman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, introduced City Engineer to share details about the Water Quality Study. Mr. Carr explained that the city has two different water plants that use two different disinfection methods as well as the State’s requirement of the Nitrification Action Plan. Staff has recommended using Crawford, Murphy and Tilly because they are familiar with our staff and system which will give us the be cost of \$85,000 for the project.</p> <p>Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded.</p> <p>Alderman Dingledine asked about the timeframe of the project. Mr. Carr stated that they will start after they finish the Water Tower #3 plans.</p>

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Chairman Mike Brownfield, introduced Mr. Carr to share staff updates. Mr. Carr shared that on Bobolink and Lawndale a few slopes in the yards became a little steeper and he sought approval for them, the private laterals on Lawndale are finished, the landscaping walls are in progress on Lawndale then the sidewalks will be poured, Stark was tilling and smoothing Hilldale, and the MFT items are waiting for IDOT approval. Mr. Oliphant shared that the comprehensive plan could look into zoning or regulatory changes if desired. Mr. Schone shared that Public Works was originally going to propose a paver purchase but the paver was found to not have the full desired capabilities so they will look at other options and use a rental in the meantime. They are also working on a backhoe bid and camera van camera bid as well as a large stormwater project on Kern Road. Chairman Brownfield thanked Public Works for their ongoing communication concerning the paver purchase. Alderman Stevens asked for clarification on the Kern Road stormwater project and Mr. Schone shared that this is regarding the stormwater that is causing erosion near the road.

Mayor

Mayor Manier shared that it was nice to see a post on social media of our Police Officers interacting with children in the community as well as the efforts of our paramedics helping a citizen.

Adopt Resolution:
*Approve a Joint
Funding Agreement
with IDOT regarding
Centennial Rec Trail*

Mayor Manier read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, A Resolution Approving Joint Funding Agreement with IDOT regarding Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) - Centennial Rec Trail

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

2nd Reading
Ordinance:
*Approve TIF Request
for Washington
Historical Society*

Mayor Manier provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: An Ordinance Approving a TIF agreement with the Washington Historical Society for redevelopment 128 Washington Square.

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded.

Alderman Stevens shared that the previous tenant paid property tax but the Washington Historical Society will not pay property taxes therefore, she doesn't support this TIF request.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 7 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Yoder

Abstains: 1 Stevens

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

1st Reading
Ordinance:
Approving the
Increase in Glendale
Cemetery Fees

Mayor Manier provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: An Ordinance approving an increase in rates and fees at Glendale Cemetery to cover the increase of expenses and materials.

1st Reading
Ordinance:
Amending the I-1
Outside Storage
Zoning Code Text

Mayor Manier provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: An Ordinance amending the zoning code text allowing up to 50 percent of an I-1 lot to be utilized for outside storage when no part of the lot is adjacent to a residential district.


Alderman's
Comments

Alderman Stevens paraphrased an email that she received stating that some view the office of Alderman as working for approval from other members. She went on to state that differences are expected and constituents would like Council to work together despite differences.

Adjournment

At 7:11 p.m. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to move.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Valeri Brod, City Clerk