CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015 LIBRARY MEETING ROOM 380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, August 17, 2015 to order at 6:36 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, J. Gee, and Maxwell. Alderman Dingledine was absent

Roll Call

Also present was Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Don Volk, 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 J. Gee seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the August 3, 2015 regular Council meeting; and bills & payroll. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:

<u>Ayes: 7</u> Maxwell, Butler, Moss, Brownfield, Brucks, J. Gee, T. Gee

Approve Consent Agenda

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

None. Audience Comments

Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported three items on the agenda (Ordinances A, B, & C). Alderman T. Gee, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda.

Standing Committees

Mayor Manier shared accolades to the recent Alumni football game against Metamora. He commented that the game and after party tailgate at Five Points Washington was well attended. He congratulated city employee Jeff Klinke for not only receiving the game's MVP award but also on the birth of his son who was born the same day. He shared his appreciation to all who helped in making this year's Art Festival in Washington Park such a success this past weekend. He mentioned the recent launching of the #allin4washington social media campaign through the Chamber of Commerce and how it will help small businesses by keeping shopping local.

Mayor's Comments

City Clerk Brown 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 the Illinois Office of the Comptroller regarding access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program. Adoption of this ordinance would approve participation in the Local Debt Recovery Program as offered by the Illinois Office of the Comptroller, which assists in the potential recovery of uncollected debts, including utility payments, on behalf of municipalities and other local governments. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the ordinance as presented. Mr. French, a representative from the Comptroller's office, shared a brief summary on how the program will work indicating that there will be no cost to the City for its participation in the program. On roll call the vote was: Ayes: 7 T. Gee, Butler, Maxwell, Moss, J. Gee, Brownfield, Brucks

Adopt ord, authrz Agreement, Local Debt Recovery Program

Nays: 0 Motion declared carried.

City Clerk Brown provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending the Personnel Manual of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois regarding the pay plan. Adoption of this ordinance would amend certain provisions of the City of Washington Personnel Manual pertaining to the pay plan; and an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement for private development with Nieukap Properties for the redevelopment of a portion of the Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area. Adoption of this ordinance would approve a TIF redevelopment agreement with Nieukap Properties for the redevelopment of 106-110 and 112-118 Washington Square. These ordinances will be listed on the September 8th meeting agenda for action.

1st reading ords, amend Personnel Manual; and apprv TIF redevelopment agreement, Nieukap Properties, 106-118 Washington Square

Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make payment to RA Cullinan & Son, a division of United Contractors Midwest, for progress payment request #3 of the Roadway Restoration Project in the amount of \$569,107.86 for work completed from July 26 through August 9, 2015. Alderman Butler moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to authorize the progress payment request as presented. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 7 Brownfield, Moss, J. Gee, Brucks, Maxwell, T. Gee, Butler

Roadway Restoration progress payment #3

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Public Works Director Andrews requested Council approval to enter into an agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. to provide design engineering services for the chlorine fluoride separation project at Water Treatment Plant #1 in a not to exceed amount of \$14,400. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to authorize the engineering services request as presented. On roll call the vote was:

Engineering svcs, Chlorine/Fluoride separation project, WTP #1

Ayes: 7 Butler, Maxwell, T. Gee, Brucks, Brownfield, Moss, J. Gee

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Engineering svcs, ITEP Washington Road Recreation Trail connection

Public Works Director Andrews requested Council approval to enter into an agreement with Hutchison, Inc. to provide engineering services for the Washington Road Recreation Trail connection in a time and materials, not to exceed amount of \$79,400. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Butler seconded to authorize the engineering services request as presented. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 7 J. Gee, Moss, Brucks, Maxwell, T. Gee, Butler, Brownfield

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Andrews gave a brief update on the Roadway Restoration Project noting the following: curb removal and replacement is continuing in Washington Estates and Devonshire Estates is complete; landscaper will start soon on sod placement; and a modified vpan curb is being utilized as a full height curb causes drainage problems. Alderman Butler asked if the curb design will be consistent throughout and Andrews shared that all of Washington Estates is getting new curb and will be consistent throughout with the exception of the 400 block that received a standard barrier curb as part of the additional storm sewer installation.

P & D director Oliphant shared that we are down to only having seven open basements left in the tornado affected area. He shared that all property owners have received notification of the impending legal process. He shared that there are four on Flossmoor (duplexes), two on Holborn, and one on Gillman. He shared that after making contact with all the property owners he is relatively confident that work will be beginning soon. Alderman Brucks share his concerns with the foundations being sound enough after this time period to handle a rebuild also understanding that they will have to have the approval of a structural engineer to use the existing foundation.

Police Chief Volk gave a brief update on the recent special events that were held in the City. He shared the Art Festival went well and there were no issues with the first wine and beer tasting at the event. He shared the Alumni football game had well over 5,000 in attendance with only a couple of issues and good comments were received from quite a few folks. He shared that our Police Officers were selling 50/50 tickets which rose close to \$2,000 for Special Olympics. He shared the tailgate party went well with approximately 500 at pre-game party and an estimated 1,500 at post-game party. He reminded everyone that school in back session this week and they will be beefing up school zone patrols. He mentioned the recently changed speed limit on S. Main Street and with the confusion with the sign postings they will not be enforcing the new 35 mph speed in the 800-110 blocks until the signs are correct. Alderman J. Gee asked if flags can be placed on the new signs alerting motorists to the change in speed and Volk replied he had spoken with Public Works Director Andrews today and they will get this done.

Aldermen's Comments

Alderman Brownfield reminded residents that we are all out to help citizens during the Roadway Restoration Project and if anyone has a problem to call on us. He shared that Maurer Stutz has thanked us on how well we are working alongside our residents during this project. He went on to share his 'sore' memories of the Alumni football game indicating that he can walk today and finished his career with a 'win'. He shared that it was a great night of football: players and coaches were all back for the game; father's, son's, and brother's all played together; and Mr. Jay Hopp (oldest player) even came on the field for one play! He shared that USA Football did a great job in organizing the event and the Washington/Metamora game has been their biggest fundraiser so far. He noted that an East Peoria/Morton game is in the works for next year.

Executive Session

At 7:09 p.m. Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to move into Executive Session for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 7 Brucks, Moss, Butler, J. Gee, Maxwell, Brownfield, T. Gee

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Regular Session

At 7:17 p.m. the Council reconvened in regular session on motion by Alderman Brucks and second by Alderman J. Gee. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Approve 2015 **Executive Session** minutes, City Council

Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Moss seconded to approve the 2015 City Council Executive Session minutes of March 2 and March 16, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by

Adopt resl, release 2015 **Executive Session** minutes & authrz destruction-audio recordings

City Clerk Brown read a resolution, by title and brief synopsis, regarding the release of Executive Session minutes and authorizing the destruction of audio recordings. Adoption of this resolution authorizes the release of specific City Council executive session minutes between the months of January 1, 2015 and June 30, 2015 and also authorizes the release of specific Committee of the Whole and Finance & Personnel Committee executive session minutes for the same time period. It also provides for the destruction of audio recordings of executive sessions that have occurred more than eighteen months from the date of this resolution. Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: Ayes: 7 Maxwell, Butler, T. Gee, Brownfield, J. Gee, Brucks, Moss

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Adjournment

At 7:19 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk