



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
In the library at Five Points Washington, 380 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, May 16, 2022 to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call Present: Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder
Remote: None
Absent: Adams

Also Present City Administrator Jim Snider, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Police Chief Mike McCoy, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, City Attorney Brittany Miller and Press

Pledge of Allegiance All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Manier.

Citizens Wishing to be Heard None provided at this time.

Review Agenda Alderperson Yoder moved and Alderperson Dingledine seconded to remove Item I from the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Consent Agenda Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items:

- A. Approve Minutes of May 2, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting and May 9, 2022 Special City Council Meeting
- B. Bills and Payroll
- C. Write-off of Uncollectible Accounts
- D. Additional Purchase Authorization for Surcharge – LIN-23 Plow Truck
- E. City Landscaping Authorization
- F. Concrete Assistance Additional Approval and Payment Authorization
- G. Plow Truck Body Build Authorization
- H. Wastewater Treatment Sludge Disposal Contract Authorization

Alderperson Brownfield moved and Alderperson Stevens seconded to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder

Nays: 0

Announcements and Proclamations Police Chief Mike McCoy introduced new police officers Ashley Peto and Tanner Stockton. Chief McCoy shared that they were sworn in on January 13, 2022, and they graduated on April 21, 2022 with GPAs higher than the class average. Chief McCoy shared that Officer Stockton went to El Paso Gridley, has been recently married, and won a top marksman award. He also shared that Officer Peto is a former Deputy Coroner, went to Western Illinois University, and graduated with a degree in law enforcement and an associate's degree in criminal justice. Chief McCoy feels both will be an asset to the Police Department. Chief McCoy introduced Josh Sutter, President of the Police Benevolent. Mr. Sutter stated that a lot of departments are having a hard time finding good candidates, but we are getting good candidates because Washington is a great place to be, and we have a lot to offer.

Finance & Personnel Committee Finance and Personnel Committee Chairman Buter shared that there are no business items to bring forward at this time.

Public Safety Committee Public Safety Committee, Acting Chairman Yoder introduced Police Chief Mike McCoy to share updates. Chief McCoy shared that the K-9 handler, Dan Foster accepted a position with the US Marshal Service. Chief McCoy shared that they have two candidates who completed the background checks last Friday and are placed on a certified list of possible candidates. He noted that Officer Foster will keep his K-9 while he completes initial training in Texas. Mayor Manier asked about the lengthy process. Chief McCoy shared that it is a two-year process. Chief McCoy also shared that he and Officer Taylor are holding the first "Chat with the Chief" event at Connect Church on Friday.

Public Works Committee Public Works Chairman Brownfield introduced Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse who shared updates including Street Department paving progress and Memorial Day preparations. City Engineer Dennis Carr shared updates including the progress on the Centennial Rec Trail and the milling on Hildale, which had a manhole covered by a utility company. He also shared that they are planning to start the underground work next week. Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant shared that code-enforcement is starting up for the summer season.

Alderson Stevens asked about the progress on Freedom Parkway. City Engineer Carr shared that it is currently being reviewed by IDOT and is not moving very quickly. He stated that they cannot move forward until IDOT is done with their review. Alderson Stevens asked about completion of the project. Mr. Carr stated that he would like to have a better idea, but it depends on the IDOT review and there are still 2-3 iterations before the bid can be sent out. A brief discussion took place regarding the project phases and Mr. Carr clarified each phase. Alderson Stevens asked about glass recycling and stated she filled out a website form for glass recycling.

Mayor None provided at this time.

City Administrator City Administrator Jim Snider shared the following resolutions:

Adopt Resolution: City Administrator Jim Snider provided the following resolution, by title and brief synopsis: The following resolution would pledge the City's commitment *Approving the FY 25-26 STBG Nofsinger Road Realignment Local Cost Share Commitment* for a 30% local cost share and support a Surface Transportation Block Grant request to realign Nofsinger Road at its intersection with US24. Mr. Snider shared that the concept to realign Nofsinger began in 2013 and introduced Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant to provide details. Mr. Oliphant stated that they were charged with finding a funding mechanism to help pay for the realignment of the road and this was considered just after the tornado. They found this grant opportunity which stipulates that a resolution be passed providing a local cost share of the project and this would need to be approved by May 18, 2022.

Alderson Dingledine moved and Alderson Brownfield seconded to accept the Resolution.

Alderson Dingledine stated that he does not completely agree with the proposed realignment and has concerns with the pressure these plans will put on Dallas Road. He is in favor of signalizing the intersection. Alderson Stevens expressed concerns for committing more than \$3 million for the realignment and wondered if the money should be used for Business RT24. She also expressed concern for the timing of the project. Alderson Blundy asked why we must straighten the road and Mr. Carr shared that the skew of the road exceeds IDOT's rules so it is a requirement, should we want to make improvements.

Mayor Manier shared his concern for the public's safety at the current intersection and recalls the Secretary of Transportation commenting about the few deaths that have occurred there. The funding source, scheduling and benefits of the Centennial Rec Trail project was compared to this project and Mr. Carr shared that the Centennial Rec Trail is a benefit because it opens a corridor to ICC and the new McCluggage Bridge project. Alderson Stevens requested a graphic showing what the project will look like and shared her concern for the cost of the project. Data concerning the intersection was discussed and Mr. Carr provided data stating the intersection was in the top 5% of intersections that are likely to cause accidents. City Administrator Snider views this as an investment into public safety. The other intersections along this corridor were also discussed and compared.

Alderson Butler asked about the possibility of being signalized without being realigned and Mr. Carr replied that he is 95% certain IDOT wouldn't invest in the intersection without realigning it. Alderson Butler stated that we are committing dollars to safety.

Mr. Oliphant clarified that the approval of this resolution is committing the City to a portion of the local cost share, should we do the project.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine and Yoder

Nays: 1 Stevens

2nd Reading Ordinance
*Approving Home Rule
Sales Tax Text
Amendment*

City Administrator Jim Snider provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would amend Chapter 35 of the Municipal Code of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, entitled "taxation" to correct a provision related to the home rule municipal service occupation tax.

Aldersperson Dingledine moved and Aldersperson Butler seconded to accept the Ordinance.

City Attorney Brittany Miller stated that this is simply a text amendment to a previously passed ordinance. Aldersperson Stevens expressed her concern with the recent economy.

Aldersperson Brownfield expressed his approval because it shares the tax burden with visitors to Washington. Mayor Manier shared that staff has worked hard to identify a way to fund stormwater repairs. Aldersperson Butler stated that this is not a vote to approve the tax, this is a technical correction that was requested by the Illinois Department of Revenue. A brief discussion regarding the use of this tax for stormwater issues took place.

Aldersperson Stevens expressed her concern for the timing due to the recent economy and shared that she gave other solutions at the Finance and Personnel meeting. Mayor Manier shared that the items presented at the Finance and Personnel meeting were not sources of revenue for stormwater issues and reminded Council that they can vote not to do future projects should they decide to.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine and Yoder

Nays: 1 Stevens

2nd Reading Ordinance
*Approving a Mallard
Crossing Commercial
Park Lots 5 and 6
Rezoning Request*

City Administrator Jim Snider provided the second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, by rezoning Mallard Crossing Commercial Park Lots 5 and 6 from R-2 to C-2.

Aldersperson Dingledine moved and Aldersperson Stevens seconded to accept the Ordinance.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder

Nays: 0


**Aldersperson's
Comments**

None were provided at this time.

Adjournment

At 7:07 p.m. Aldersperson Stevens moved and Aldersperson Dingledine seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Valeri Brod, City Clerk