



**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Washington Fire Department Training Room, 200 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois**

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**Call to Order** Mayor Manier called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Roll Call** Present: Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
Remote: Alderperson Dingledine  
Absent: Alderperson Butler

**Also Present** Mayor Gary Manier, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Police Chief Mike McCoy, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Attorney Keith Braskich

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**Approve Remote Attendance** Mayor Manier entertained a motion for Alderperson Dingledine to attend the meeting remotely due to a recent surgery.  
Alderperson Adams motioned to approve; Alderperson Brownfield seconded.  
6 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote

**Pledge of Allegiance** All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Manier.

**Citizens Wishing to be Heard** Jim Bremner, Washington Township supervisor shared that the paratransit trial program is continuing to grow. December saw 135 provided rides primarily by people seeking dialysis and employment. He stated that even though trial is ending, there is enough remaining funds to keep it going until December 2023 or possibly January of 2024. He will look at putting more in the budget and would like to work with the City to see if they can continue their partnership. He shared that one positive change has been riders going from Sunnyland to Washington were paying \$6.00 each way, are now paying \$2.00 due to a change in the agreement with Greater Peoria Transit. He thanked the City leaders for their partnership.  
Mike McIntyre who lives on Kingsbury shared that he is the 911 Coordinator for Tazewell County. He shared that texting to 911 is now available in the community. He noted that calling is preferred but if a resident can't call, texting is an option now. He also noted that due to boundaries Woodford County is not yet accepting them and a resident may receive a bounce back text near that boundary.

**Review Agenda for Deletions or Additions** Nothing was added or deleted at this time.

**Consent Agenda** Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items:  
A. Approve Minutes of the January 3, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting  
B. TIF Pay Request #3 – Square Restaurant and Brewpub, 140 Washington Square  
C. Approve Bills and Payroll  
D. Approve DCEO Public Safety Equipment Grant Reimbursement #1 – Washington Fire Department  
E. Accept Police Pension Fund Actuarial Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2022  
F. 2022 Year-End Development Activity Summary

Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderperson Stevens seconded.  
Alderperson Blundy provided a comment regarding Item B of the Consent Agenda. He asked if the developer has provided any updates. Mr. Snider shared that they are in contact with the developer and recently met with them. He also shared that they are still meeting their timeline for the demolition and they are very positive. He said they are spending money and finalizing their design plans. They are going to meet with Washington Historical Society and are being proactive and in compliance with their plan.  
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote

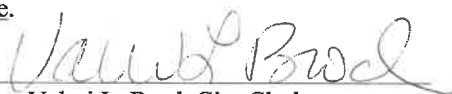
**Announcements and Proclamations** Nothing at this time.

**Finance & Personnel Committee** Nothing at this time.

**Public Safety Committee** Public Safety Committee Chairman Adams shared that there are two ordinances that will be presented. He introduced Chief McCoy who shared that the two missing girls were

found in Peoria and they brought them home. He noted that further help is being provided. Interim Fire Chief Kuhlman shared that they had 64 incidents, EMS calls and four motor vehicle accidents last week.

- Public Works Committee** Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield shared that they have one item to bring forward and introduced Public Works Director Rittenhouse to provide details.
- Item C-1: Street and Cemetery Mowers Purchase Authorization** Mr. Rittenhouse shared that FY23-24 allows for the purchase of three mowers, two at the Cemetery and one at the Street Department. He shared that they reached out to Wieland's who shared that their total would be \$13,389.60 per mower and delivery will be in about four months. The price does not include trade-in from the current mowers. Staff recommends the purchase.  
Alderson Schone motioned to approve; Alderson Adams seconded.  
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Dingleline, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote
- Mr. Rittenhouse provided the following department updates: Well #8 motor is being installed, the Street Department is working on outfall and inlet inspections and working with the GIS Specialists to get maps, and Collections is working on manhole inspections during tolerant weather.  
Mr. Carr provided the following updates: proposals for the Phase 3 RFP project are coming in, land proposals are in works for Freedom Parkway, he noted communication issues with Walmart and Golden Realty that may push it from a March to an April letting.
- Mayor** Nothing at this time.
- City Administrator** City Administrator Snider noted the recent action of the electric rates and they were able to lock in a lower rate than Ameren. This will come out July of 2023. He shared that other municipalities are providing energy graphs for information. He noted this is a lower rate however the current rates are historically high. Mr. Snider reminded everyone that the Strategic Planning meeting is on Monday. He added that this is open and an agenda will come out soon. We are talking about different strategic initiatives and other future spending items.
- Resolution** City Administrator Jim Snider provided the following Ordinance: A resolution approving the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds to be used for a general maintenance project.  
*IDOT Resolution for Maintenance* Alderson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderson Stevens seconded.  
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Dingleline, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote
- Second Reading Ordinance** City Administrator Jim Snider provided the following Ordinance: An ordinance amending clarifying that the purchaser of an establishment holding a Class A liquor license and licensed to provide video gaming, is not subject to the two-year waiting period when the seller's licenses are not expired.  
*Amending Chapter 136 of the Washington City Code Regarding Video Game Licensing* Alderson Adams motioned to approve; Alderson Schone seconded.  
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Dingleline, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote
- First Reading Ordinance** City Administrator Jim Snider provided the following Ordinance: An ordinance amending bringing the City Code in to compliance with Public Act 101-0668 regulating the delivery of alcoholic liquor.  
*Amending Chapter 112 of the Washington City Code Regarding Delivery of Alcoholic Liquor*
- Alderson's Comments** Alderson Blundy asked if we know when the Chamber of Commerce will hold their Meet the Candidates event. Clerk Brod clarified that she will let the candidates know as soon as she received communication from the Chamber. Alderson Blundy asked regarding Catherine Street as being next, how will we prioritize when City staff makes a recommendation. He shared that he looked at the Capital Improvement Plan and noticed ratings for all the streets. He asked that the ratings be discussed at the next Public Works or Committee of the Whole meeting to see how they all align. He feels that by looking at it, they can come up with a plan for the future. He would like to take a look at the data. Mr. Carr shared that this data was sent out before, but it was prior to Alderson Blundy being on Council. Mr. Carr shared that they have software that ages the pavement and it creates a PDF. Alderson Stevens noted that she had difficulty opening the document. Mr. Carr stated that he can get the information for them.
- Adjournment** At 6:52 p.m. Alderson Stevens moved to adjourn; Alderson Schone seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

  
Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk