



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Washington Fire Department Training Room
200 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

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, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
Absent: Alderperson Blundy

Also Present City Administrator Jim Snider, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Police Chief Michael McCoy, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Attorney Derek Schryer and Press

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Manier requested a moment of silence to honor the late Don Brubaker, former City Council member.

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

Citizens Wishing to be Heard Washington resident, Katie Beale came forward and read a statement on behalf of Marlene Miller, who owns property on the square. Her statement is regarding the historic nature of her property, work history as an artist, her interaction with the community and a request for assistance in obtaining local funds to update her building. Ms. Miller's statement is attached and made part of these minutes. Ms. Beale expressed that she does not want to get into the war going on in Washington and stated that she disagrees with community comments against Ms. Miller.

Troy Pudik came forward recognizing the agenda item regarding the semi-annual review of executive session minutes. He noted there were eight executive session meetings in 2016 for the purchase of property. Mr. Pudik asked Council to re-review those executive session minutes to see if they can be released at this time.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of the June 19, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the May 1, 2023 Final Public Works Committee Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes of the May 8, 2023 Final Public Safety Committee Meeting
- D. Approve Minutes of the May 15, 2023 Final Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting
- E. Accept Financial Reports for Period Ended May 31, 2023
- F. Payment Authorization: Core & Main Sales Tax Sharing Agreement - Payment #1
- G. Payment Authorization: Hilldale Phase 3 Request #2
- H. Payment Authorization: Ditch Grading Request #1
- I. Purchase Authorization: ClearGov Budgeting Suite and Digital Budget Book Subscription Services

Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderperson Adams seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mayoral Communications/ Requested Actions Mayor Manier shared that he met with several senate leaders where he asked them about BUS24. They reported that IDOT doesn't seem to have the manpower to address it and it is pushed out to 2028/2029. He shared that the City will do some mill and overlay but it is only a band aid fix and he doesn't think it will last.

City Administrator Communications/ Staff Reports/ Requested Actions: City Administrator Jim Snider introduced Police Chief McCoy who introduced new officer Josph Dubois. He read a statement provided by Officer Dubois' supervisor. The statement explained that Officer Dubois came to the department in 2022, he grew up in Washington, he and his family have a history of public service, he attended both I.C.C. and Eureka College, he has graduated from the Police Academy, and he graduated in the top 10% of his class. Officer Dubois thanked everyone and shared that he is having fun in his role.

Administrator Snider recognized Chief McCoy who was recently named to the National Board for the St. Jude Foundation as an emeritus member.
Administrator Sider stated that we've had calls for brush pickup and they are being handled on a case-by-case basis. He also shared the following updates:

- the City is excited that Freedom Parkway is scheduled to start on the fifth

- a review of accounts shows the investment with Beck's Car Wash has been paid off and it was just over \$24,000.
- if Beck's had used Illinois American Water, it would have caused a higher rate, so this was a win-win
- the Beck's investment has an 87% profit margin that makes \$3,400 per month
- he emailed everyone, sharing that Hamilton will be here on July 17th
- the City contracted \$160,000 to do the I&I and they only found about 20% of the I&I for which they were hoping
- Council decided that Hamilton would come back for \$10,000 but Hamilton is asking for an addition \$2,000 and Council agreed to it
- the City hired an internal candidate to fill a vacancy in the planning department who begins on the 17th

Purchase Authorization:
Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Disinfection SCC Replacement

Public Works Director Rittenhouse explained that the current system has stopped working and staff determined that it needs to be replaced. The current system was discontinued in 2016 and replacements are no longer made. The price was \$29,670 and was not specifically budgeted for but there are sufficient funds in the Purchase-System Capital Budget.

Aldersonperson Adams motioned to approve; Aldersonperson McIntyre seconded.

7 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution:
Approving Appointment of Authorized Agent- Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

City Administrator Snider provided the following resolution for consideration:

Synopsis: Adoption of this resolution would provide for the appointment of Human Resources Manager, Maureen Chambers as the Authorized Agent for purposes of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF).

Title: Approving Appointment of Authorized Agent- Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Aldersonperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Aldersonperson McIntyre seconded.

7 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution:
Approving Collection of Foreign Fire Insurance Fee

City Administrator Snider provided the following resolution for consideration:

Synopsis: Adoption of this resolution would allow for the collection of the Foreign Fire Insurance Fees by the Illinois Municipal League for remittance to the City of Washington.

Title: Approving Collection of Foreign Fire Insurance Fee

Administrator Snider explained that Illinois has more units of government than any other state in the nation as there are about 3,200. If the insurance provider is not situated in Illinois, the insurance is collected and that fee passes through to local fire departments to be used at their discretion. He shared that this is an annual action to transfer the funds.

Aldersonperson Stevens motioned to approve; Aldersonperson Smith seconded.

7 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Executive Session:

At 6:54 p.m. Aldersonperson Brownfield moved to move into executive session; Aldersonperson Adams seconded for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06." 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

7 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Regular Session:

At 7:16 Council entered back into regular session.

Approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Aldersonperson Martin motioned; Aldersonperson McIntyre seconded to approve executive session meeting minutes for the following meetings: 12/19/2022 (City Council); 2/13/2023 (Committee of the Whole); 3/20/2023 (City Council); and 5/8/2023 (Committee of the Whole)

7 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Adopt Resolution authorizing the destruction of verbatim recordings

Aldersonperson Adams motioned; Aldersonperson Butler seconded to adopt a resolution authorizing the destruction of verbatim recordings of all closed meetings occurring more than 18-months from today's date.

7 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Adjournment

At 7:17 p.m. Aldersonperson Brownfield moved to adjourn; Aldersonperson Adams seconded.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.


Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk