



City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 21, 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 6:42 p.m. with a quorum present, immediately following a Special Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Roll Call** Present: Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens  
Absent: None

**Also Present** City Administrator Jim Snider, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Attorney Keith Braskich and Press

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**Pledge of Allegiance** All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Manier. Mayor Manier asked for prayers for the family of a Washington Community High School student who recently passed away.

**Audience Comments** Leri Slonneger stated that the Washington Historical Society and Marlene Miller received a certified letter from CL Development regarding the excavation of their neighboring properties. She asked “why now” and stated that no one has followed the International Building Code. She shared that a plumber was shut down by OSHA and stated that prevailing wage does not prove skill. She shared that a latest truck driver has no license plate and the name on his truck now says “Hog Wash”. She asked who has the contract? She welcomed everyone to the wild west and stated that we opened an alligator and everyone is watching.

**Review Agenda for Deletions/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 August 7, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Bills and Payroll
- C. Accept Financial Reports for Periods Ended June 30, 2023 and July 31, 2023
- D. Payment Authorization for 2023 MFT Ace in the Hole Pay Request
- E. Payment Authorization for 2023 MFT American Asphalt Surface Recycling Pay Request 1
- F. Purchase Authorization for Automated License Plate Readers- Test and Purchase as a Service

Aldersperson Brownfield motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Aldersperson McIntyre seconded.  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Announcements and Proclamations** Mayor Manier read a proclamation in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Washington Panther Football. The proclamation proclaims the 2023 Washington Panther Football Season as Washington Football Centennial Celebration Season.  
Aldersperson Brownfield motioned to approve the Proclamation; Aldersperson Adams seconded.  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.  
Mayor Manier shared that they read the proclamation at a 100-Year banquet. It was noted that Alderspersons Martin, Butler and Brownfield were in attendance at the banquet which had about 350 attendees.

**City Administrator Communications/ Staff Reports/ Requested Actions**  
**Resolution R-1388:**  
Approve Annual FY24 PPUATS Joint Funding Agreement

City Administrator Snider provided the following resolution for consideration:  
**Synopsis:** Adoption of this resolution would authorize Washington’s 20% per capita local match contribution for the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study joint funding agreement to be a PPUATS member and eligible for federal transportation funding.  
**Title:** A resolution approving the Annual FY24 PPUATS Joint Funding Agreement.

Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant shared that we are required pass a resolution when applying for the funding.  
Aldersperson Brownfield motioned to approve the resolution; Aldersperson McIntyre seconded.  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Alderson Stevens asked for an update regarding live streaming the public meetings. Administrator Snider stated that he had given a report to Council and nothing was found locally. He noted that he had provided two proposals and is waiting for guidance from Council. He also shared that this is not budgeted and would require a super majority vote from Council to amend the budget. Alderson Stevens and Administrator Snider discussed the amount of the investment and how non-budgeted items can be funded, noting that contingency money is budgeted for capital projects. Administrator Snider offered to bring the topic back to the next Council for discussion if there isn't any opposition. No one opposed to bringing the topic back to Council.

**Second Reading**  
**Ordinance 3509:**  
Ordinance approving  
a bond not to exceed  
\$5,000,000

City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration:  
**Synopsis:** Adoption of this ordinance would authorize \$5M in GO Bonds for the purpose of Stormwater Management projects.  
**Title:** An ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Administrator Snider explained that this is the first step in the process.  
Alderson Brownfield motioned to approve the ordinance; Alderson McIntyre seconded.  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Aldersons**  
**Comments**

Alderson Blundy requested an update on the brewpub to occur at least once a month. Mr. Oliphant shared that plans for the foundation were submitted and we are waiting to receive the permit fee. He noted that there will be a pay request for the completion of the demolition at the next meeting. Alderson Blundy, Administrator Snider and Mr. Oliphant discussed the late 2024 completion date. Mr. Oliphant estimated the permit fee would be about \$378 and is based on construction costs.  
Alderson Blundy asked how long it takes for an ordinance amendment to be updated on the website. Administrator Snider and Clerk Brod explained the updating process and shared that the current code is being codified which may cause delays in the process.  
Administrator Snider stated that it can take a couple weeks to be updated currently.  
Alderson McIntyre took the opportunity to thank Finance Director Baxter, Administrator Snider, Engineer Carr and staff that are moving forward with the bonding because he feels this is a big deal for the City.

**Executive Session**

At 7:03 Alderson Brownfield motioned to move into executive session; Alderson Adams seconded for the purpose of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Adjournment**

At 7:19 p.m. Alderson McIntyre moved to adjourn; Alderson Butler seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk