



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
Fire Department Training Room - 200 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

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

Roll Call *Present:* Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, Smith, Stevens
Absent: Alderperson McIntyre

Also Present Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Police Chief Stevens, City Treasurer Carol Crocker, Deputy City Clerk Lisa Anderson, City Attorney Derek Schryer and Press

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

Audience Comments None.

Agenda Nothing added or deleted at this time.
Deletions/Additions

Consent Agenda Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items:
A. Approve Minutes of the September 16, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting
B. Felkers Drainage Improvements Pay Request #1
C. Payment Authorization for Kevin Brown Memorial Tournament of Champions
Alderperson Butler motioned to accept; Alderperson Smith seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, Smith, Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Presentations Police Chief McCoy who introduced five new police officers: Camille Imhoff, Dyllan Foster, Amanda Krohe, Caleb Eckhoff, and John Williams. He provided their qualifications and shared that they recently graduated from PTI and are currently in the field training program. Chief McCoy also introduced Officer Dan Foster and shared that he received a promotion.

Mayoral Communications: Nothing provided at this time.

City Administrator Communications: City Engineer Carr asked if there were questions regarding the Council Report with none received. He called upon Deputy Police Chief Stevens, who provided an update on parking availability for the upcoming Freedom Parkway project ribbon cutting.

Resolutions: City Engineer Carr provided the following resolution:
R-1419 (19-24) Resolution Approving the Joint Funding Agreement for the Bus24/Rt 8 Traffic Signal Modernization Project
Synopsis: Adoption of this resolution would approve funding of the 10% local portion of the joint funding agreement with IDOT for the modernization of traffic signals along the Rt. 8 and Business 24 project corridor; the amount not to exceed \$17,625 for the City.
Title: R-1419 (19-24) Resolution Approving the Joint Funding Agreement for the Bus24/Rt 8 Traffic Signal Modernization Project
Alderperson Stevens asked if the mill and overlay will happen this fall. Engineer Carr confirmed that is IDOT's intent. Engineer Carr said the goal is to try to get the project expedited with the resolution and contract. Alderperson Blundy questioned the timing of funding approval. Engineer Carr shared that the process for an IDOT project is to sign the joint funding agreement before it goes out for bid. He further explained that IDOT wanted this resolution presented at the first Council meeting, mailed the following day, and it will be pushed to the central office for approval. If the funding is not approved, the project won't move forward. Alderperson Brownfield expressed his favor for moving forward and added that holding a project hostage for 10% is ludicrous.
Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderperson Adams seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, Smith, Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

First Reading Ord: City Engineer Carr presented the following ordinance for review:
WACC Use Agreement Amendment
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would amend the use agreement between the City of Washington and the Washington Area Community Center relating to use and modification of Banquet Room A for city meetings.
Title: First Reading Ordinance: WACC Use Agreement Amendment

City Engineer Carr said the agreement was initially negotiated between former City Administrator Jim Snider and Five Points. Alderperson Stevens questioned using Room A for the annual wellness fair and specific commissions. She wanted to know if other commissions can be added, such as economic development and questioned if the wording could say, "commissions that will be meeting on behalf of the city". Engineer Carr responded that originally none of the commissions were included until he met with Five Points and added that it's difficult to include groups to the agreement that haven't met in a dozen years. Alderperson Stevens referred to an agreement from 2003 and questioned the city's obligation of \$100,000 and whether bonds were taken out or if it was negotiated otherwise. Mayor Manier responded that he doesn't believe they were. She asked about the availability of a room for city council chambers between the 2003 and 2010 agreements and the other groups mentioned. She has concerns over future use of the banquet room including the wellness fair and Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, but not unidentified commissions and asked what happens if there are other meetings and they can't use the room. Mayor Manier shared they can come back to the fire department meeting room, adding that the banquet rooms are a revenue generator for Five Points and we don't want to cripple their ability to use them. It was asked whether the library is still available for use and Mayor said that being city owned, the fire department is the smartest alternative for meetings. Alderperson Stevens wishes this was discussed at Committee of the Whole and Engineer Carr reminded that Council could make a motion to put it on the Committee of the Whole agenda anytime. She and Alderperson Blundy questioned who would be setting up tables and chairs for meetings. Alderperson Brownfield shared that Five Points is having a hard time hiring people like everywhere else. He feels the goal is to be better for the community, to have telecasting, and provide communication. He feels it's time to move forward so the broadcasting of meetings can begin and offered to help set up meetings. Alderperson Adams and Alderperson Martin expressed agreement to move forward.

First Reading Ord: City Engineer Carr presented the following ordinance for review:
Adoption of New Code for the City of Washington
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would adopt and enact a new code for the City of Washington; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein.
Title: First Reading Ordinance: Adoption of New Code for the City of Washington
Alderperson Stevens had questions about the language used in the ordinance. City Engineer Carr explained that the purpose of Municode's update to the code is to make it current. Alderperson Blundy asked about the process for getting the revised code on the website. City Engineer Carr explained that once Council votes to approve the code, Municode will provide a link to make it live on the city website.

Second Reading Ord: City Engineer Carr presented the following ordinance for review:
3548 (29-24) Washington Historical Society TIF Redevelopment Agreement, 128 Washington Square
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would approve a TIF redevelopment agreement with the Washington Historical Society for the redevelopment of 128 Washington Square.
Title: 3548 (29-24) Second Reading Ordinance: Washington Historical Society TIF Redevelopment Agreement, 128 Washington Square
Alderperson Adams motioned to approve; Alderperson Smith seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, Smith, Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Second Reading Ord: City Engineer Carr presented the following ordinance for consideration:
3549 (30-24) Request by Richard F. Reichel, Sr. Declaration of Trust to Disconnect Part of a Parcel on S. Cummings Lane
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would de-annex approximately 1.351 acres from a 17.05-acre parcel owned by the Richard F. Reichel Sr. Declaration of Trust on S. Cummings Lane from the City of Washington corporate limits.
Title: 3549 (30-24) Second Reading Ordinance: Request by Richard F. Reichel, Sr. Declaration of Trust to Disconnect Part of a Parcel on S. Cummings Lane
Alderperson Smith motioned to approve; Alderperson Adams seconded.
6 Ayes: Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, Smith, Stevens
1 Nay: Blundy
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Second Reading Ord: City Engineer Carr presented the following ordinance for review:
3550 (31-24) Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal and Rabies Control between the City and Tazewell County
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would authorize the approval and execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Tazewell pertaining to animal and rabies control services.
Title: Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal and Rabies Control between the City and Tazewell County
Alderperson Stevens motioned to approve; Alderperson Smith seconded.
7 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, Smith, Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Alderperson Comments None.

Adjournment At 7:01 p.m. Alderperson Brownfield moved to adjourn; Alderperson Butler seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.


Lisa M. Anderson, Deputy City Clerk