

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018  
BANQUET ROOM C – FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON  
360 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.**

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 16, 2018 to order at 6:31 p.m. in Banquet Room C at Five Points Washington.	Call to Order
Present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, and Moss.	Roll Call
Also present was City Administrator Jim Culotta, Public Works Director Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, and City Clerk Pat Brown.	
All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.	Pledge of Allegiance
The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.	Agenda Review
Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the January 2, 2018 regular & January 8, 2017 special City Council meetings; bills & payroll; write-off uncollectible accounts; sewer repair authorization: WTP No. 1 sewer liner, Hoerr Construction; street sign commodity bid final adjustment; payment authorization: progress payment #1 to RNS Electric, SE Parking Lot lighting; and acceptance of Police Pension Fund actuarial valuation report 2017-2018. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Approve Consent Agenda
Mr. Mark Weston and Mr. Kirk Johnson of Uftring Chevorlet both expressed their thanks and appreciation to the community, the City’s Fire Department as well all the area Department’s that responded, Police Department, Public Works Department, and all those who have reached out to them in support during and after the fire on Friday, January 5 <sup>th</sup> that destroyed their building at 1860 Washington Road. They shared the outpouring of support has been overwhelming and appreciated, and with the help of so many, they have secured a temporary location in the old Tractor Supply building next door while their building is reconstructed. They noted that the sales department is currently open at the temporary site and service should be up an running in 30 days. Mayor Manier expressed his thanks for their comments, sharing that we are all eager to help in any way we can, and asked the Council to join him in expressing appreciation to both the Fire and Police Department’s for all their efforts. The Council, City staff, and audience members stood and shared their appreciation with an applaud.	Audience Comments
Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported two items being recommended for approval on the agenda (Consent Agenda C & Resolution A). Alderman Butler, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported one item being recommended for approval on the agenda (Ordinance A). Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda.	Standing Committees
None.	Mayor’s Comments
City Administrator Culotta read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, approving City Attorney reappointment and establishing Attorneys’ fees. Adoption would reappoint Attorney Richard Russo as City Attorney, Attorney Derek Schryer as Assistant City Attorney, and would approve the use of other Davis & Campbell attorneys. It also provides for hourly compensation for each of the attorneys. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt resl, City Attorney Reappointment
City Administrator Culotta provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis, an ordinance amending Chapter 72 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois entitled “Parking Regulations” to restrict parking on the east side of Lincoln Street north of Jackson Street. Adoption of this ordinance would prohibit parking on the east side of Lincoln Street for 30 feet on each side of the existing north driveway of Lincoln Grade School. The purpose of the prohibition is to facilitate entry and exit of large vehicles such as school buses. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>	Adopt ord, amending Chapter 72, restrict parking on Lincoln St
City Administrator Culotta provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending Chapter 96 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, regarding nuisance notification requirements and clarifying abatement of nuisances. Adoption of this ordinance would clarify the mechanisms available to abate nuisances, and allow the City to provide only one notice during each calendar year to abate a nuisance for allowing grass, weeds, or other plants other than trees, bushes, flowers, or other ornamental plants to grow to a height in excess of eight (8) inches. This ordinance will be listed on the next meeting agenda for action.	1 <sup>st</sup> reading ords, amending Chapter 96 regarding nuisance notification requirements

2017 Year End Development Activity Summary	P & D Director Oliphant shared the 2017 year end development activity summary noting the following: there were 18 total residential units issued, down from 33 in 2016 with a construction value of \$5.61M; there were 7 tornado rebuild permits and 8 tornado-related permits issued bringing the total of rebuilds to 503 and total tornado related permits to 927; and 16 commercial/industrial permits were issued totaling \$2.3M in construction value, level with 2016 activity. He shared that the slowdown in development is being felt region wide and is cautiously optimistic that the trend will reverse itself soon, noting that the Caterpillar announcement of relocating its headquarters has played a part as well.
Authrz progress payment #3, River City Construction, WTP No. 1 improvement project	Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make progress payment #3 to River City Construction in the amount of \$120,451.90 for work completed through December 31, 2017 on the Water Treatment Plant No. 1 Improvement Project. Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Adams seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Authrz progress payment #4, Stark Excavating, Inc., salt storage structure foundation	Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make progress payment #4 to Stark Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$27,345.00 for foundation work completed through December 31, 2017 on the salt storage structure foundation. Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Authrz payment (final) IDOT, Cruger Rd phase 1 recreation trail	Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make final payment to IL Department of Transportation (IDOT) in the amount of \$26,902.87 for the City’s cost share portion of the construction of the Phase 1 Cruger Road Recreation Trail from N. Cummings Lane to Nofsinger Road. He noted that the books just closed on the project so it is our best projection of the final payment but additional balancing may be brought forward for consideration at a later date. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Gee seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Authrz payment (final) IDOT, IL Route 8 Reconstruction Project	Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make final payment to IL Department of Transportation (IDOT) in the amount of \$182,883.71 for the City’s cost share portion of the reconstruction of IL Route 8 from Legion Road to Summit Drive. Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Butler seconded to authorize the request as presented. Alderman Gee asked why this has taken so long and Andrews shared part of the reasoning was the material performance on the concrete sidewalk and apron approaches where replacement was done on a 50/50 cost basis between the contractor and IDOT. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Police Department 5-Month Activity Review	Police Chief McCoy shared a 5-month (August thru December) department activity review in comparison to 2016 noting the following: 1) Part I offenses up 38 of which 27 were attempted car burglaries; 2) Part II offenses up 7; 3) traffic citations up 7; 4) written warnings up 330; 5) driving on revoked or suspended license up 10; 6) DUI’s down 15; 7) drug offenses up 4; 8) vehicle seizures up 11; 9) property damage accidents down 14; 10) personal injury accidents down 8; 11) positive community contacts up 294; 12) Officer initiated activity up 751; and 13) total calls are up 1045 in comparison to 2016.
Aldermen’s/Staff Comments	Mr. Roger Traver, Washington Fire Department Executive Director of Operations, shared his appreciation and thanks for all the responders (Fire, Police, Public Works, & City staff) that helped during the recent fire at Uftring’s car dealership. He shared that they were prime examples of being public servants, which is something to be very proud of. Mayor Manier thanked Roger for his comments and shared that on Wednesday, January 24 <sup>th</sup> in Banquet Rooms A & B at Five Points there will be a swearing in ceremony for Roger as he becomes the new Fire Chief for the Washington Fire Department and encouraged everyone to come out and show their support. Alderman Brownfield shared that his Dad suffered a heart attack on Christmas Eve and Gary Foley was at the Fire Station when they arrived and expressed his appreciation and thanks for all that was done in helping his Dad, sharing that he is doing fine now. He also shared his appreciation to the Public Works Department for all they did during the Uftring fire in making the situation safe for those fighting the fire. Alderman Moss expressed her thanks to the Public Works Department as she receives a number of calls from residents on how much they appreciate the jobs that are done on our streets. Alderman Dingledine expressed his thanks as all the recent days that were bad were weekends and holidays that had to be given up by our crews, sharing that what they do is remarkable. He expressed his appreciation for how well the mutual aid has been from surrounding communities and how nice it is to know they are there when you need them. Alderman Cobb shared that the IL American water buyout for the Spurgeon water system that was slated to be done last year is now tentative to close towards the end of May.
Adjournment	At 7:09 p.m. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>