

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018**  
**LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**  
**380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.**

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, February 19, 2018 to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room 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, Controller Baxter, Public Works Director Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Mike McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and members of the press.	
All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed prior to the pledge in memory of the lives lost in the recent school shooting in Parkland FL.	Moment of Silence Pledge of Allegiance
The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.	Agenda Review
Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the February 5, 2018 regular City Council meeting; bills & payroll; purchase authorization, automatic shutoff water meters; and purchase authorization, duty & training ammunition. 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
Mayor Manier asked Alderman Gee to read a proclamation proclaiming March, 2018 as Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) Awareness Month in Washington. This is a disease that affected his Father and eventually took his life in 2012. Alderman Gee introduced Dr. Larry Kellerman who serves on the National MSA Coalition Board and is very active in bringing awareness of this disease. Dr. Kellerman shared that his wife passed away in 2016 from MSA and appreciates the time Council has given in bringing awareness of this disease. He shared that a fundraiser is being held at the Gateway Building in Peoria from 4:00-10:00 p.m. on March 24 <sup>th</sup> and he will get more information on the event to Mayor Manier. Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to accept the proclamation 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>	Proclamation: Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) Awareness Month
Gloria McNett, 707 Yorkshire Court, provided a brief background of her teaching career where it was her job to instruct and protect students. She expressed her outrage at the recent crazed massacre of students in Parkland, FL and shared that it takes a nation to educate and secure all of our students. She shared that we must educate and activate our national groups to raise our united voices that it is time that we address this issue. We can no longer put it off, it is not unsolvable, and the unwilling actions of our government officials in Washington, DC needs to stop. She shared that our children should not have to wonder if it is going to happen in their school, suffer the emotional scars of an attack, and parents should not have to grieve the loss of a child as a result of a school shooting. She asked the Council “what is your role in what I bring to you tonight” and expressed her thanks for the opportunity to share her views and concerns. She indicated that she intends to share this at the next High School Board meeting and would like to see us band together to urge our legislature in Washington, DC to find answers. Mayor Manier expressed his thanks to Gloria for sharing her views and concerns and that Council shares in them the same. He shared that what Washington, DC does remains to be seen and that Council will be working diligently with our area schools in providing safety and support. Police Chief McCoy shared that at this time they have met with all school officials and local pastors of our churches as well.	Audience Comments
Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee Chairman reported two items being recommended for approval on the agenda (Consent C & Staff Reports C). Alderman Butler, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported one item being recommended for approval on the agenda (Ordinance B). Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported one item being recommended for approval on the agenda (Staff Reports D). Mayor Manier mentioned that his next Coffee with the Mayor is being held on Saturday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. at the Blacksmith’s Steakhouse on the Square.	Standing Committees
City Administrator Culotta provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis, an ordinance approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters. Adoption of this ordinance would approve participation in the First Time Homebuyers Program. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Dingledine 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, authrz First Time Homebuyers Program 2018
City Administrator Culotta provided second reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pekin, City of East Peoria, Village of Morton, Tazewell County, and the Tazewell County Emergency Telephone System Board to provide initial funding for Tazewell County Consolidated Communications.	Adopt ord, authrz IGA to provide initial funding Tazewell County Consolidated Communications

Adopt ord, authrz IGA to provide initial funding Tazewell County Consolidated Communications, Cont.)	<p>Adoption of this ordinance would ratify an intergovernmental agreement to provide the City of Washington’s portion of initial start-up funding for Tazewell County Consolidated Communications. This agreement is between the cities of Washington, Pekin, and East Peoria, as well as the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, and the Tazewell County Emergency Telephone System Board. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
1 <sup>st</sup> reading ord, amending Chapter 72, regarding parking ban during snowfall events	<p>City Administrator Culotta provided first reading of the following ordinances, 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 reduce time required to remove parked vehicle from street. Adoption of this ordinance would prohibit parking within six hours of a snow parking declaration rather than the existing twelve hours. This would aid in the efficiency of snow removal operations, reducing the potential of parked vehicles and snow plow accidents and reduce gapping of parking lane plowing operations where cars are still parked. This ordinance will be listed on the next meeting agenda for action.</p>
Authrz progress payment #4, River City Construction, WTP No. 1 Improvement Project	<p>Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make progress payment #4 to River City Construction in the amount of \$43,066.53. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Gee seconded to authorize the payment request as presented. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Authrz change order #1, WTP No. 1 Improvement Project, engineering services	<p>Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make a change order in the amount of \$7,000 to the original not-to-exceed engineering services contract amount of \$51,200 for unseen items at the time of contract scoping, making a final not-to-exceed amount of \$58,200 for the WTP No.1 Improvement Project. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to authorize the change order as presented. On roll call the vote was:</p> <p><u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss</p> <p><u>Nays: 0</u></p> <p><u>Motion declared carried.</u></p>
Revenue Enhancement Options	<p>Controller Baxter shared that staff prepared a comparison of several options that have recently been discussed and were discussed again at today’s Finance &amp; Personnel Committee meeting. She shared that as a result of discussion, staff and Finance &amp; Personnel are recommending an increase in the home rule sales tax of .5% and asked for Council’s direction to proceed with preparing an ordinance. Alderman Brucks, Finance &amp; Personnel Committee Chairman, shared that after considering all the options Committee concluded that this will be the simplest and most effective option as it spreads the cost to everyone who shops in Washington and not just to its residents. A brief discussion ensued on how this option benefits all of our surface infrastructure (roadway, curb &amp; gutter, sidewalk) and following discussion, it was the consensus of Council for staff to proceed with the preparation of an ordinance that would increase the City’s home rule sales tax by .5% and to bring it forward for Council consideration.</p>
Budget Review: Water Fund Summary	<p>City Administrator Culotta provided the following: 1) Water Fund: operations decrease of 3% due to decrease in R/M-System contractual as a result of completion of the air release valve replacement, projected capital includes Water Tower #3 for which there is not a current funding source, other capital purchases budgeted include \$114,750 not included in the CIP since under \$50,000, reserves of \$1,311,975 will be spent down by \$850,650 leaving a reserve fund balance of less than \$200,000, revenue less expenses is negative \$600,650 not including the transfer to the Water Tank Reserve Fund; capital expenditures are \$673,960, and projected FYE balance is \$654,108; 2) Water Subdivision Development Fee: Nofsinger/Dallas/Cruger water main extension budgeted, and projected balance FYE is \$265,659; 3) Water Connection Fee: no anticipated expenses, connection fee revenue down from past years-budgeted for 35 connections rather than 50, and projected balance FYE is \$503,539; 4) Water Tank Reserve: capital increase due to painting of Water Tower #1, requires transfer of \$250K from water fund, and projected balance FYE is \$20,773. A brief discussion ensued on prioritizing the need for water tank #3 and the painting of water tank #1. Public Works Director Andrews shared his reasoning on how water tank #3 is tied to our daily elevated storage needs as well as the alignment of Dallas and Nofsinger. He shared that water tank #1 would be an exterior painting that has already been pushed out several years and that an updated inspection of the interior would be done at that time as well.</p>
Aldermen’s/Staff Comments	<p>Alderman Brucks asked that Council move into an Executive Session at the end of the meeting regarding litigation and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property.</p> <p>Fire Chief Roger Traver provided a brief report for the month of January noting that 136 calls were received. He shared that on March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> they will have speakers coming in that will attract firefighters from all over the state.</p> <p>Police Chief McCoy provided a summary of recent Police Department activity of which is attached and made part of these minutes.</p>
Executive Session	<p>At 7:24 p.m. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Gee seconded to move into Executive Session for litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent and for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and (6) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.</p>

On roll call the vote was:  
Ayes: 8 Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingleline, Gee, Moss  
Nays: 0  
Motion declared carried.

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At 7:49 p.m. Council reconvened in regular session and Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

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Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk