

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
380 N. WILMOR ROAD – 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, February 3, 2020 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.
Roll Call	Present and answering roll call were Aldermen, Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, and Yoder.  Also present was City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Chief of Police Mike McCoy, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, and City Clerk Pat Brown.
Pledge of Allegiance	All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Review	The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.
Approve Consent Agenda	Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Black seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the January 21, 2020 regular City Council meeting; accept & place on file: MFT documentation review report for period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018; and accept & place on file: monthly financial report for periods ending November 30, 2019 and December 31, 2019. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
Audience Comments	Toni Minton, Washington Historical Society and Chairman of the Walldogs Committee for the Bicentennial Celebration provided an update which has been attached and made part of these minutes.  Thomas Fuller, 110 W. Holland Street, expressed his interest again in seeing the progress of the W. Holland Street Reconstruction Project move forward. He commented that he and others are holding off on driveway improvements, etc. and encourages the advancement of the project and if delays occur, the residents would like to be notified.
Finance & Personnel Committee	Alderman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, reported no items on the agenda for consideration.
Public Safety Committee	Alderman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, reported no items on the agenda for consideration. Chief of Police McCoy provided a brief report on recent activity.
Public Works Committee	Alderman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, reported no items on the agenda for consideration. Public Works Director Schone reported that they are making forward progress with N. Lawndale Avenue and W. Holland Street reconstruction projects and things will be happening soon. Alderman Brownfield commended the Public Works crews for another great job on snow removal during the recent snow events.
Mayor's Comments	Mayor Manier congratulated the WCHS Wrestling Team, the WCHS Cheerleaders, and the WCHS Chess Team on their successes and noted he recently toured the new Central School District 51 addition as well.
City Administrator Forsythe	City Administrator Forsythe shared a brief update on the budgeting process noting that he has asked department directors to bring forward any staffing requests early so they can be looked with revenue projections.
Comcast franchise fee audit settlement	Finance Director Baxter requested Council authorization to enter into a franchise fee audit settlement agreement with Comcast for revenues discovered by Azavar Government Solutions in regard to errors made by Comcast in regard to proper addressing and calculation of revenue subject to the City's franchise tax. She indicated the proposed payment resolution totals \$12,290.65 and as stipulated by the Azavar contract, the fees are on a contingency basis and include a 45% commission on the settlement payment (\$12,290.65) and a 40% fee for additional revenue generated as a result of the address corrections for a 36-month period beginning January 1, 2020. She indicated the City would receive a net additional franchise fee revenue of \$6,760 as a result of the settlement in FY19-20 fee payments equal to 40% of additional revenue as confirmed by Azavar for the next 36-month period. Alderman Adams moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to approve the settlement as presented. On roll call the vote was: <u>Ayes: 8</u> Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder <u>Nays: 0</u> <u>Motion declared carried.</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> reading ords, authrz intergovernmental agreement w/Tazewell County, recycling collection program; amending §112.02 entitled "Prohibited Acts"	City Administrator Forsythe provided first reading of the following ordinances, 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 between the City of Washington and Tazewell County for a County approved Recycling Collection Program. Adoption of this ordinance would authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tazewell County which provides to the City of Washington a grant in the amount of \$20,500 to use in support of and in connection with the County approved recycling collection program; and an ordinance amending §112.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, entitled "Prohibited Acts." Adoption of this ordinance would bring Section 112.02 in line with Section 112.50 that was amended under Ordinance 3329, which removed

'beer and wine' and inserted 'alcoholic liquor' as it pertains to what can be consumed on premise of a non-retail Public Accommodation licensed establishment. These ordinances will be listed on the next meeting agenda for action. 1<sup>st</sup> reading ords, Cont.)

Alderman Stevens asked if the same fee is paid for all Public Accommodation (PA) liquor licenses and City Clerk Brown indicated that the fee is the same for all PA license holders. Alderman's Comments

At 6:47 p.m. Alderman Dingleline moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to move into Executive Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and for Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Executive Session

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingleline, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

At 6:56 p.m. Council reconvened in regular session on motion by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Cobb. Reconvene regular session

Alderman Butler moved and Mayor Manier seconded to approve the November 14, 2019 Police Supervisor Selection Committee Executive Session minutes. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Approve Police Sup Sel Committee Exec Sess minutes

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the 2019 City Council and Committee of the Whole Executive Session minutes. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Approve City Council Exec Sess minutes

City Clerk Brown read a resolution, by title and brief synopsis, regarding the release of Executive Session minutes and authorizing the destruction of audio recordings. Adoption of this resolution authorizes the release of specific City Council, Committee of the Whole, Finance & Personnel, & Police Supervisor Selection Committee executive session minutes between the months of January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019. It also provides for the destruction of audio recordings of executive sessions that have occurred more than eighteen months from the date of this resolution. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Black seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was: Adopt resl, release of specific 2019 Exec Sess minutes & authrz destruction-audio recordings

Ayes: 8 Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingleline, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

At 7:00 p.m. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Black seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Adjournment

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Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk

Feb 3, 2020

City Council meeting

My name is Toni Minton;

First off thank you again for allowing me to address the council with an update,

I have come before the council several times with a Walldogs update; it is with deep regret that I am announcing that Washington will not be hosting a "Walldog Days of Summer" Festival in 2022. Back in July of 2018 the WHS had a strategy meeting and the board agreed that taking the lead on a Walldogs event fit our mission statement perfectly, to Acquire, preserve and display Washington's history. WHS board had voted to coordinate a Walldogs Festival by the Walldogs committee with me as chair. So I submitted the town of Washington to be considered for this once in a lifetime event. WHS and the Walldogs committee were ecstatic when we received news that our submission was selected and that we had been chosen for 2022. The next step was to obtain a Walldogs consultant. So I reached out to Nancy Bennett to be our Walldogs Consultant; the original "Queen Dog" herself, the first artist to create this magical artistic phenomenon in Allerton, Iowa in 1993.

Our Walldogs committee has worked extremely diligently over the past almost two years, with groups in our city, networking with groups in Washington and Peoria, as well as with other communities that have hosted a festival. We were ahead of schedule and starting to get an advisory board together. Unfortunately some of the WHS board had a change of heart and on December 18, 2019 brought forth a resolution. WHS passed that resolution stating **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; the Washington Historical Society will not have any oversight with the Walldogs initiative. With this act, WHS also would not allow their 501c3 status to be used. The past month the Walldogs committee has looked into different options to join/become a 501c3 organization. We met with city officials to see if there was a way to still work together to be able to have the event in 2022. We made every effort to make this once in a lifetime event come to Washington. It was unfortunate that we could not collaborate. We contacted Nancy Bennett/Walldogs organization to inform them of the situation and thanked them again for considering to enriching our town. It's very disappointing that this great opportunity for Washington has slipped away,

Again thank you for your time,

Toni Minton  
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