



City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
In the library meeting room at Five Points, 360 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

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**Call to Order** Mayor Manier called the regular meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Roll Call** Present: Alderpersons Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, and Stevens  
Absent: Alderperson Adams, Blundy and Yoder

**Also Present** City Administrator Jim Snider, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, 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, and City Attorney Derek Schryer

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

**Citizens Wishing to be Heard** None were provided.

**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 April 3, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting and the April 10, 2023 Public Hearing Meeting
- B. Replacement of In-Car Cameras, Bundling of Body Camera and Tasers
- C. Bid Award- 2023 MFT Contract #23-0000-00-GM
- D. Approve Bills and Payroll
- E. Accept Financial Reports for the Period Ended March 31, 2023
- F. TIF Pay Request #5- Square Restaurant and Brewpub, 140 Washington Square
- G. Hilldale Reconstruction Project- Phase 3 Alternate A Award

Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderperson Adams seconded.  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Announcements and Proclamations** Mayor Manier read aloud a proclamation proclaiming April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the City of Washington.

**Finance & Personnel Committee** Finance and Personnel Committee Chairman Buter shared that there are no business items to present.

**Public Safety Committee** Public Safety Committee Chairman Adams stated that they have Item B on the Consent Agenda.

**Public Works Committee** Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield shared that there are no business items to present and introduced staff to provide the following updates.  
*Bid Award – Ditch Grading* Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse shared that spring brush pick up started; they are doing hydrant flushing for one more week; mowing has started; they are bringing on more seasonal guys; they are going to review the budget with supervisors; and, they will meet about weeding, pruning and landscaping.  
Alderperson Brownfield asked where they started brush pick up. Mr. Rittenhouse shared that they started west and worked east.  
City Engineer Dennis Carr shared that they are still waiting for Ameren to relocate polls on Hilldale and they are currently relocating gas; the Freedom Project bids will be in soon; Nofsinger preplans are with IDOT being reviewed; the Phase 2B archaeological study will start soon; they are meeting with Stark to review ditch grading; the MFT was on the Consent Agenda tonight; the hot place recycling will come to our area after they are done in East Peoria then they will chip seal and follow with a fog; a letter of understanding for North Wilmor went out; sealing has 5-6 days left; regarding the Square, J.C. Dillion is working hard as they found laterals that they didn't know existed so they are working on two different redesigns because of the telephone duct banks; they will bore the water main in May which based on what was on maps verses what they found, they will have to do a redesign.  
Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant shared that the demolition permit has been issued for the brewpub.  
Alderperson Blundy asked if a response was received from Howard about a June meeting.  
Mr. Carr shared that Howard is looking into it.

Alderson Stevens asked for Mr. Carr to repeat his Nofsinger update. She asked about the agreement with the farmer that would have us pay the farmer if we disturb the seed. Mr. Carr stated that we have an agreement with the farmer to reimburse their expenses if they need to destroy the crop but due to the timing, they are proceeding with the project because they might get pushed back. He shared that IDOT could take 30-60 days to get the contracts.

Alderson Stevens asked Mr. Carr about Freedom Parkway. Mr. Carr shared that it should start a month and a half from now.

Alderson Stevens asked if the three property owners were notified about the archeological study and Mr. Carr confirmed that they were.

Alderson Stevens asked if we anticipate a start date for the brewpub.

Mr. Oliphant said he doesn't have an exact start date.

Alderson Stevens stated that we had the original agreement then amended it and wondered if they would have another amendment because the timeline is off.

Administrator Snider stated that this is a fluid project, and it is up to Council to bring up if they want the developer to change the agreement. He noted that delays were caused, but it is up to Council if they want to engage the developer to amend the agreement.

**Mayor** Nothing additional added at this time.

**City Administrator** City Administrator Snider presented the annual Non-Union Pay Plan for approval. He shared that it includes department heads and sergeants and this does not include the Police Contract.  
*Approve FY2024 Non-Union Pay Plan*  
Alderson Stevens motioned to approve; Alderson Schone seconded.  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Second Reading Ordinance** City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration:  
*Approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024*  
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would approve the City of Washington's Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending on April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$34,824,074. As required by state statute, a public hearing on the City's FY2024 Tentative Annual Budget is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023.  
Title: An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for Corporate Purposes for The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024 and Approving Certain Amendments to the FY2023 Budget.  
Alderson Stevens motioned to approve; Alderson Brownfield seconded.  
Alderson Stevens asked where the TOC comes in.  
Alderson Yoder clarified it is tourism.  
Alderson Stevens commented that she has never discussed the Memorial Day and 9-11 Event. She asked if there is a committee for these and stated that people have put on Facebook that people know it won't happen, but it is not true. She stated that everyone else was on the committee last year except for her and she would like to be on it.  
It was clarified that Aldersons Butler, Dingledine, Schone and Blundy were not on the committee and there were only two or three members on it.  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Second Reading Ordinance** City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration:  
*Tazewell County Building Inspection Services Intergovernmental Agreement*  
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would provide for an intergovernmental agreement with Tazewell County to provide for use of its building inspectors to satisfy the City's needs for inspections and plan reviews.  
Title: 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 County of Tazewell to Provide Building Inspections and Reviews  
Alderson Dingledine motioned to approve; Alderson Butler seconded.  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Second Reading Ordinance** City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration:  
*Approving 2023 First Time Homebuyer Program*  
Title: An Ordinance Approving the Transfer and Reallocation of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters.  
Alderson Dingledine motioned to approve; Alderson Brownfield seconded.  
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder  
0 Nays:  
Motion carried by roll call vote.

**First Reading Ordinance** City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration:  
*Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan*  
Title: An Ordinance Adopting the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois

<b>First Reading Ordinance</b> <i>Northern Tazewell County Enterprise Zone Boundary Expansion Amended Intergovernmental Agreement</i>	City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration: <b>Synopsis:</b> Adoption of this ordinance would amend Ordinance No. 3103, which designated an Enterprise Zone that includes territory within the City of Washington, and approve an amended Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Washington and four other units of local government to support a request to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity of the expansion of the Northern Tazewell County Enterprise Zone boundaries to add two parcels in the City of Washington. <b>Title:</b> An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3103, an Ordinance Designating an Enterprise Zone Which Includes Territory Located Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Washington and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Washington and Other Units of Local Government Participating in the Designation of the Enterprise Zone, and Amending that Certain Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding an Enterprise Zone Located in Northern Tazewell and Southern Woodford Counties
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<b>Aldersperson’s Comments</b>	Aldersperson Schone asked for the following items to be included in the minutes. He stated that on Facebook, Aldersperson Blundy said they need people on Council that were serious about stormwater, for himself, he thinks they have done a good job of taking the steps to get it done including creating a stormwater ordinance and providing sales tax towards it. He thinks Council is taking the right steps to get stormwater issues taken care of. Mr. Schone shared that Ken Newman was a City Engineer for twelve years and before that he worked for the IEPA as an engineer. They had many conversations about stormwater. Mr. Newman adamantly said we needed a bigger plant and trunkline to fix the inflow and infiltration to the sewer system. Mr. Schone stated that Aldersperson Blundy quoted the population equivalent as 120-130 gallons per day so when we asked why are we building a trunkline that big, it is to handle the stormwater. He noted that it handles the people and stormwater. Mr. Schone stated that it takes time to address stormwater but people are just going about their thing and he shared a time when he and City Engineer Carr walked up to a homeowner and pointed out an illegal connection. The homeowner pulled the hose away and said “there it is fixed”. Mr. Schone stated that we can try to control the inflow but we can not control items like this and this is why we are needing a trunkline this size. Mr. Schone continued to share that on the Lawndale reconstruction, each individual property was \$17,000 to take care of the laterals and sump pumps which included the lateral launch that we are responsible for as well. Mr. Schone stated that homeowners can disconnect, but they can easily reconnect it. Mr. Schone also stated that staff works hard to bring the information we need and we are sitting here to make policy. He stated that it is okay to ask questions but to ask a question five different ways to get another answer is not right. Mr. Schone shared that regarding the trunkline, he understands the pushback from the homeowners but the homeowners have stated that they never knew about the projects. Mr. Schone explained that former Engineer Andrews shared that he had spoken to Mr. Pudik who stated that he was okay with the project but wanted an all-purpose trail put in going to it. Mr. Schone shared that Gary Deiters was very upset with the City because he had a grant from the USDA or a similar entity and if we didn’t do the project soon, he would lose the grant. Mr. Andrews had also had a conversation with Mr. Miller due to the trees. It is Mr. Schone’s opinion that the landowners did know about the project and he wanted this on record before he left Council. Mr. Schone stated that he appreciates his time on Council.
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Aldersperson Blundy asked to clarify the processes for the Budget and the Comprehensive Plan, noting the order of meetings. Administrator Snider shared the history of previous meetings, stated that a public hearing is mainly for the public to speak and stated that the public hearing needs to occur before it is passed and be properly notified.

<b>Adjournment</b>	At 7:48 p.m. Aldersperson Schone moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Brownfield seconded. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.</u>
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Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk