

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
01/08/2020
7:30 P.M.**

Council met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. in the second floor Council Chambers located at 105 N. Main Street, Washington Court House, with Chairperson Jim Chrisman presiding. Mr. Hawk led the invocation. Ms. Hernandez led the pledge of allegiance.

Present at said meeting were, Mr. Joe Denen, City Manager. Mr. Mark Pitstick, City Attorney and Mrs. Kelley Ford, Clerk of Council. At roll call, the following Council members were present: Mr. James Blair, Mr. Ted Hawk, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Mr. Dale Lynch, Mr. Steve Shiltz and Mr. Jim Chrisman.

Mr. Lynch moved and Ms. Hernandez seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held December 23, 2019 be approved as presented.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Abstain"; "Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried.

Mr. Lynch moved and Mr. Hawk seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the minutes of the Reorganizational Council meeting held January 2, 2020 be approved as presented.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; "Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

In discussion, Mr. Blair interjected and expressed his desire that the mechanics of the process of electing the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of City Council be reviewed prior to the 2022 process.

Mr. Chrisman stated that he believed Mr. Pitstick was going by state law and inquired with Mr. Denen if that was correct?

Mr. Denen advised that Mr. Pitstick is the presiding officer during the Reorganizational Meeting until the next Chairperson is elected. The new Chairperson then conducts the meeting to said meeting's conclusion. Mr. Denen noted that the process was a bit ambiguous and that even the question of a secret ballot had arisen in the past. Mr. Denen advised Mr. Blair that the process could be reviewed.

Mr. Chrisman advised Mr. Blair that he may desire to contact the City Attorney for further discussion.

Mr. Blair stated his research of Roberts Rule of Order. Mr. Blair requested that rules for the procedure be set for all to interpret and understand.

Mr. Denen advised that conversations would continue with Mr. Pitstick regarding Mr. Blair's concern.

Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS SESSION

COMMUNICATION

Mr. Denen advised that there were no communications.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were none.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (in writing)

Mr. Denen addressed Council and reported that Mr. Tony Anderson, Fayette County Commissioner had complimented the results of Washington Avenue project.

Mr. Denen advised that Sheriff Vernon Stanforth had offered an invitation for Council to visit the new jail facility.

Mr. Denen noted that the reserve water was improving.

Mr. Denen noted that Mr. Bryant will issue a stop work order for the homes under construction on Red Mile Boulevard in the near future.

Mr. Denen reported that the economy has shown strength and that a local employer will in the near future make a positive announcement.

Mr. Denen reported that the Administration would in the near future introduce Mr. Blair to a number of operations of the City of Washington Court House.

Mr. Denen noted that W2's had been distributed with the last Council Packet.

Mr. Denen noted that the Police Department would begin their new software training. Mr. Denen noted that the software would help coordinate operations between with the Fayette County Sheriff's office and Police Department.

Mr. Denen thanked Mr. Wes Pickering and Mr. Chris Shick for their donation to the Police Department of ten gift bags of items for the officers.

Mr. Denen thanked all of the officers, specifically Officer Warnecke for the Shop with a Cop program that was completed in December. Mr. Denen noted the Police Department's "No Shave November" that helps raise money used for scholarships and for special events like Shop with a Cop. Lieutenant Lowe advised that \$2,200.00 had been raised by the No Shave November campaign.

Mr. Denen reported that Chief Hottinger was recovering well.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Tom Riley, Director of Finance had no report.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick was absent.

LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAX PAYERS

Mr. Gary Hovatter introduced himself to Council. Mr. Hovatter advised that he was the new representative that would be attending Council from WCHO radio.

Dr. Lee Schrader, Director of the Regional Humane Society addressed Council and introduced herself and Mr. Brad Adams, Chief Human Agent and Outreach Coordinator of the Humane Society. Dr. Schrader presented a rendering of the proposed new Humae Society facility to be built on State Route 41 NW. Dr. Schrader thanked Council for their support and the donation of land for the facility. Dr. Schrader continued and advised Council of the statistics of animals helped and rescued in 2019. Dr. Schrader thanked Council for their past support and encouraged continued support of the program in the future.

In discussion, Mr. Blair expressed his appreciation of the Regional Humane Society.

Mr. Denen thanked Dr. Schrader and Mr. Adams for their work and noted that the Fayette Regional Society had been a pleasure to work with over the years.

C. LEGISLATION

1. Legislation Previously Introduced

None.

2. New Legislation (in writing)

A. RESOLUTION NO. R1-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING TO MR. HARRY WRIGHT THE APPRECIATION OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE FOR MR. WRIGHT'S SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Hawk seconded the following motion:

MOTION: That Resolution No. R1-2020 be placed on first reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; "Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Hernandez expressed her appreciation of Mckenna Evans and Kara Bruner that would be assisting Main Street Fayette. Ms. Hernandez stated that the Board of Directors had been elected for the 2020 year. Ms. Hernandez continued and advised that the calendar of events have been scheduled and expressed her excitement for the upcoming year.

Mr. Johnson stated that he was excited for the 2020 year. Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation of programs like "No Shave November".

Mr. Johnson thanked Dr. Schrader and Mr. Adams for their positive impact within the community.

Mr. Shiltz thanked Dr. Schrader for attending and noted the wonderful impact that the new facility will have in the area. Mr. Shiltz noted that he looked forward to another venue for the community to enjoy.

Mr. Shiltz expressed his appreciation of Main Street and the positive direction the downtown area had taken. Mr. Shiltz especially noted Mrs. Baker's work.

Mr. Shiltz stated that he looked forward to working with everyone in 2020.

Mr. Hawk welcomed Mr. Blair to Council.

Mr. Lynch welcomed Mr. Hovatter to the Council meetings.

Mr. Lynch noted that it took a very humane person to be in charge of a Humane Society and expressed his appreciation of Dr. Schrader and staff for their work within the community.

Mr. Lynch reflected on his first meeting on City Council and welcomed Mr. Blair to a difference experience. Mr. Lynch stated that it is a different experience to be on City Council than to view City Council.

Mr. Lynch referenced a quote from Joshua Marine, "Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." Mr. Lynch stated there are always challenges running a city and expressed his excitement for new challenges in 2020.

Mr. Blair directed comment to Ms. Hernandez and inquired what connection Main Street Fayette has to the City? Ms. Hernandez noted that persons such as Chelsie Baker, Stephanie Dunham and Julie Bolender were ex officio member of Main Street Fayette. Ms. Hernandez noted that all decisions are the decisions of the board that consists of building owners, shop owner employees, etc. Mr. Denen noted that the Main Street Board was a non-profit private cooperation.

Mr. Blair advised that he appreciated each person on Council.

Mr. Blair noted that he looked forward to challenges in 2020 and incorporating strengths to coming together for a common good.

Mr. Chrisman welcomed Mr. Blair and Mr. Hovatter.

Mr. Chrisman thanked Dr. Schrader and Mr. Adams for their contributions to the community.

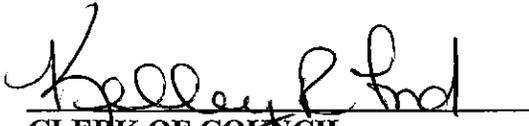
ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hernandez moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; "Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL