

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL  
02/12/2020  
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. Lynch led the invocation. Mr. Shiltz 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: Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Mr. Dale Lynch, Mr. Steve Shiltz, Mr. James Blair, Mr. Ted Hawk, and Mr. Jim Chrisman.

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

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

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

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Denen advised that there were no communications.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Mr. Hawk presented the minutes of the Service, Safety and Recreation Committee meeting held February 3, 2020.

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

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the Service, Safety and Recreation Committee meeting held February 3, 2020 be approved as presented.

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

**Motion carried.**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT ( in writing)**

Mr. Denen requested permission to bid for painting of the Kenskill Avenue Water Tower.

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

**MOTION:** That the Administration be granted permission to bid for painting of the Kenskill Avenue water tower.

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

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Denen requested permission to bid for sewer grouting.

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

**MOTION:** That the Administration be granted permission to bid for sewer grouting.

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

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Denen requested permission to bid for the Street and Alley Resurfacing Project for the 2020 year.

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

**MOTION:** That the Administration be granted permission to bid the Street and Alley Resurfacing Project for the 2020 year.

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

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Denen expressed his condolences upon the passing of Mr. Tom Gauldin.

Mr. Denen introduced Mrs. Carter to Council. Mrs. Carter advised that she was second grade teacher at Cherry Hill School and she was attempting to receive her principal licenser from the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Denen presented a Fiscal Summary for Council's benefit.

In discussion, Mr. Johnson inquired about the percentage on the average of the end balance of the General Fund? Mr. Denen stated that he could not answer that question without further thought.

Mr. Denen reviewed new legislation. Mr. Denen thanked Jefferson Township for the cooperation efforts with the City regarding the Joint Economic Development District.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Tom Riley, Director of Finance had no report.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick had no report.

## **LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAX PAYERS**

There was none.

## **C. LEGISLATION**

### **1. Legislation Previously Introduced**

#### **A. RESOLUTION NO. R2 -2020 (second reading)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMH&T ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.**

Ms. Herndandez moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the following motion:

**MOTION:** That Resolution No. R2-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

**Motion carried.**

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

**MOTION:** That Resolution No. R2-2020 be adopted.

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

**Motion carried.**

#### **2. New Legislation (in writing)**

##### **A. ORDINANCE NO. 2 -2020 (first reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE COUNTY, OHIO.**

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

**MOTION:** That Ordinance No. 2-2020 be placed on first reading.

In discussion, Mr. Shiltz inquired if the City would incur any expense? Mr. Denen answered in the negative. Mr. Shiltz continued and inquired if we would receive income. Mr. Chrisman advised that the income would be based on the income tax received.

Mr. Blair inquired if the City would annex the area of the Joint Economic District? Mr. Denen answered in the negative. Mr. Blair inquired if the city would still acquire city income tax even if the land was not in the city?

Mr. Denen advised that the city would collect city income tax 50/50 with Jefferson Township based on the boundaries of the Joint Economic District.

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

**Motion carried.**

#### **D. MISCELLANEOUS**

Ms. Hernandez reminded everyone for the Valentine's Day Shop Hop to be held on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5pm -8pm. Ms. Hernandez encouraged everyone to shop local and gave examples such as going out to eat at the Highland House, and shopping with local shops and jewelers.

Mr. Johnson thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Shiltz encouraged everyone to experience the Valentine's Day Shop Hop to be held on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hawk noted that he purchased a Valentine's candy bar bouquet for his wife.

Mr. Lynch expressed his condolences upon Mr. Tom Gauldin's passing.

Mr. Lynch referenced a quote, "You don't always get what you wish for, but you always get what you work for."

Mr. Blair expressed his appreciation of being a part of the Downtown Revitalization contest for HGTV.

Mr. Chrisman expressed his appreciation of the Downtown Revitalization video for the HGTV contest.

Mr. Chrisman thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Chrisman expressed his appreciation of Chief Hottinger's return to full duty at the Police Department.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**


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

**Motion:** That the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

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

**Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL