

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
7/22/2020
9:00 A.M.**

Council met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. in the second floor Council Chambers located at 105 N. Main Street, Washington Court House, with Chairperson Jim Chrisman presiding. Ms. Kendra Hernandez led the invocation. Mr. Steve Shiltz led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held July 8, 2020 be approved.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

There was none.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Service, Safety and Recreation Committee held July 6, 2020 be approved as corrected.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT (in writing)

Mr. Denen informed Council of the progress being made at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Denen commended ODOT on their work with the paving project.

Mr. Denen noted the Temple Street Bridge repair will commence September 27, 2020. Mr. Denen added that this project should only take 90-118 days if no delays are presented.

Mr. Denen reminded all that Covid19 was still a threat. Mr. Denen asked for citizens to think about being cautious and courteous to protect themselves and fellow citizens of our community.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Mr. Tom Riley, Director of Finance was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick stated that he had no report.

LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAX PAYERS

There was none.

C. LEGISLATION

1.) Legislation Previously Introduced

None.

2.) New Legislation (in writing)

A. RESOLUTION NO. R29-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES.

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: Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; Mr. Dale Lynch "Aye", Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", Mr. Blair, "Aye"; and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Hernandez stated with the county fair being this week, she hopes citizens will be considerate of others, concerning the virus.

Mr. Shiltz expressed his concern with people remaining 6 feet apart, whether they are wearing a mask or not.

Mr. Blair read quotes by John Wooden, "Failure is not fatal, but failure to change might be" and "Fear does not stop death. It stops life, and worry does not take away tomorrow's troubles".

Mr. Lynch expressed his concern with the virus and the start of school being only a month away.

Mr. Lynch ended with a quote from the book "The Pioneer". It was said about Ohio "founding father" Ephraim Cutler on his death July 8, 1853: "Ohio had never been blessed with a truer statesman or more devoted servant. In every sphere and every relation of life Judge Cutler was a useful man."

Mr. Hawk expressed gratitude and recognition of the people who improve places in our community. Mr. Hawk inquired about geese hunting restrictions be relaxed.

Mr. Johnson concurred with Councilman Hawk, adding the statement, if only Covid19 were as easy to eradicate as geese. Mr. Johnson stated that Covid19 has had more impact than 911 (September 11, 2001). Mr. Johnson urged citizens to be safe and wear a mask.

Mr. Chrisman expressed sympathy for Mr. Hawk's idea. Mr. Chrisman stated he valued human life more than geese.

Mr. Shiltz explained that he received phone calls from multiple citizens about an overgrown tree on Emerald Lane. He expressed gratitude and thanked Mr. Denen on behalf of the citizens for authorizing the trimming of said tree.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: That the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 09:28 a.m.


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