

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL  
8/12/2020  
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. Mr. Steve Shiltz led the invocation. Mr. Caleb Johnson 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. Steve Shiltz, Mr. James Blair, Mr. Ted Hawk and Mr. Jim Chrisman. Mr. Dale Lynch was absent.

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

**Motion:** That Mr. Lynch be excused from the meeting.

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

**Motion carried.**

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

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held July 22, 2020 be approved.

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

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATION**

There was none.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Ms. Hernandez presented the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee meeting held July 20, 2020.

Mr. Shiltz moved Mr. Johnson seconded the following motion:

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee held July 20, 2020 be approved as presented.

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

**Motion passed.**

Mr. Shiltz presented the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held July 20, 2020.

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

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee held July 20, 2020 be approved as presented.

In discussion, Mr. Blair inquired about the function of the Fayette County Planning and Fayette County Regional Planning Committees.

Mr. Denen advised that that both have similar functions of the City Planning Commission but for the county. Mr. Denen advised that the city must have representation on both commissions.

Mr. Hawk inquired about item number nine of the report and noted that the invitation for the new board appointments was to be to a Council meeting and not a Committee meeting.

Mr. Blair inquired who would send the invitation? Mr. Blair was advised that Mrs. Ford would send an invitation on behalf of Council and the City Manager, Mr. Denen.

Mr. Chrisman noted that he could contact board members by phone regarding Councils desire to meet new board members.

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

**Motion passed.**

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

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

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

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

**Motion passed.**

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT ( in writing)**

Mr. Denen informed Council of the progress being made with the Temple Street Bridge. Mr. Denen presented photographs of the project and advised of the reattachment plans of the support beams.

Mr. Denen commended ODOT on their work with the paving project and noted that he had met with members of the PUCO regarding rail crossings within the city.

Mr. Denen asked for citizens to continue being cautious and courteous to protect themselves and fellow citizens of our community. Mr. Denen noted that each person can continue to make a difference to help slow the spread of the respiratory virus.

Mr. Denen expressed his appreciation of the street cut work being completed by the Street Department. Mr. Denen continued and noted that the Street Department would be crack sealing pavement and repainting street markings in the areas around the school before season begins.

Mr. Denen presented to Council signs donated by the Fayette County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Mr. Denen noted that the Fayette County Suicide Prevention Coalition had asked the Administration to place the signs along the bike path and in other areas within the city. Mr. Denen expressed his appreciation of the coalition for their efforts to help those in need.

Council request a Resolution of appreciation on the subject.

### **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**

#### **A. RESOLUTION NO. R29-2020 (second 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 Resolution No. R29-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

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

**Motion:** That Resolution No.R29-2020 be adopted.

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

**Motion passed.**

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

A. **ORDINANCE NO. 7-2020 (first reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE RENAMING MARS DRIVE TO COMPANION DRIVE.**

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

**Motion:** That Ordinance No.7-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

B. **RESOLUTION NO. R30-2020 (first reading)**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MIKKI HUNTER-SMITH TO THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE FOR A TERM CONCLUDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

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

**Motion:** That Resolution No. R30-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

C. **RESOLUTION NO. R31- 2020 (first reading)**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. EDDIE FISHER TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

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

**Motion:** That Resolution No. R31-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. R32- 2020 (first reading)**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. STEVEN LEWIS TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

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

**Motion:** That Resolution No. R32-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

**E. RESOLUTION NO. R33-2020 (first reading)**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. STEVEN LEWIS TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

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

**Motion:** That Resolution No. R33-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

**F. RESOLUTION NO. R34-2020 (first reading)**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. EDDIE FISHER TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM CONCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

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

**Motion:** That Resolution No. R34-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Johnson concurred with City Manager Denen, concerning suicide prevention. Mr. Johnson continued noting that every person has an opportunity and the ability to help the whole community during Covid19. Mr. Johnson urged citizens to be safe and wear a mask. Mr. Johnson expressed his concern with an inaccurate report regarding different style of face coverings. Mr. Johnson noted recently reading a study, concerning gator face masks.

Mr. Hawk expressed gratitude and recognition of the people who improve places in our community and expressed his desire to encourage people to continue to beautify their homes.

Mr. Blair expressed his appreciation of Mr. Gerber's interest in the community and specifically the trail.

Mr. Blair inquired about the Revolving Loan Fund? Mr. Denen advised that the Revolving Loan Fund was created for the encouragement of small businesses and job creation.

Mr. Blair read a quote from a book, Age Doesn't Matter Unless You Are Cheese; "People are like stain glass windows, they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when its dark that is when the true beauty is shown from within"

Ms. Hernandez had no comment.

Mr. Shiltz expressed his concern with recent post office news.

Mr. Chrisman concurred with Mr. Blair regarding citizens involvement within the community.

Mr. Chrisman noted that the Revolving Loan Funds seed money began from the State of Ohio.

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".

**Adjournment**


Mr. Shiltz moved and Ms. Hernandez 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. Shiltz, "Aye", Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

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

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL