

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL  
03/10/2021  
9:30 A.M.**

Council met in regular session at 9:30 A.M. in the second floor Council Chambers located at 105 N. Main Street, Washington Court House, with Chairperson Jim Chrisman presiding. Mr. Jim Blair led the invocation. Mr. Dale Lynch led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held February 24, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

**Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Chrisman opened the Public Hearing to amend zoning code General Employment District to include the Conditional Use of Skilled Gaming. With no citizens being present regarding the Public Hearing, Mr. Chrisman closed the Public Hearing at 9:33 am.

During the public hearing it was advised that questions from Council concerning the legislation would be addressed during New Legislation.

**COMMUNICATION**

There was none.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Mr. Lynch presented the minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held February 24, 2021.

In discussion, Mr. Hawk expressed concerns about language in the agreement related to soil fertility. Mr. Hawk inquired about omitting the clause from the agreement.

Mr. Hawk noted concern with matters related to Little League.

Ms. Hernandez expressed her agreement with Mr. Hawk.

Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation of Park and Recreation's assist in the golf course but noted his concerns.

Mr. Lynch noted that Little League had secured funding, the city and county obligation was to only help expedite the project.

Mr. Blair expressed the benefit to the city and all parties if documentation of intent could be given to all entities before an agreement on funding was completed.

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

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held February 24, 2021 be changed to state, "That discussion would continue." on item number nine on the report.

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

**Motion carried.**

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

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held February 24, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

**Motion carried.**

Ms. Hernandez presented the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee meeting held February 24, 2021.

In discussion, Mr. Hawk inquired about item number three of the report regarding the loan program for the renovation of the elevators.

Ms. Hernandez inquired if the loan program could be worded to benefit both repairs and purchases? Mr. Denen noted in the affirmative.

Mr. Denen noted that the program would be a loan program established the same way as the Revolving Loan Program.

Council requested that a copy of the loan documents be submitted for review before approval.

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

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee meeting held February 24, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

**Motion carried.**

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

Mr. Denen reviewed new legislation.

Mr. Denen reviewed the lateral transfer legislation for Police and Fire. Mr. Denen noted that Civil Service would promulgate rules allowing for the lateral transfer.

Mr. Denen reviewed the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend the zoning code to include the conditional use of skilled gaming.

Mr. Pitstick noted that there needed to be a proper zone classification for skilled gaming.

Mr. Lynch requested that for timing purposes that proposed legislation be reviewed before the fiscal summary report. Council proceeded to review legislation.

### **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Mr. Tom Riley, Director of Finance was absent.

### **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. R44-2020 (TABLED)**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DESIGNATION OF “PURPLE HEART CITY”, DECLARING OCTOBER 14, 2020 AS “PURPLE HEART DAY” AS A TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF ALL VETERANS.**

Resolution remained tabled.

### **2 ) NEW LEGISLATION (in writing)**

#### **A. RESOLUTION NO. R1-2021 (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. Hernandez moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the following motion:

**Motion:** That Resolution No R1-2021 be placed on second reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

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

**Motion:** That Resolution No R1-2021 be adopted.

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

**Motion passed.**

**B. ORDINANCE NO.4-2021 (first reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS ALLOWING FOR THE LATERAL TRANSFER OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS TO THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OHIO FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SELECT CANDIDATES FOR POLICE OFFICER AND OR FIRE FIGHTER FROM THE CURRENT ELIGIBILITY LIST OR FROM A LATERAL TRANSFER LIST.**

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

**Motion:** That Ordinance 4-2021 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

**C. ORDINANCE NO.5-2021 (first reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE GE GENERAL EMPLOYMENT DISTRICT TO INCLUDE THE CONDITIONAL USE OF SKILLED GAMING**

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

**Motion:** That Ordinance 5-2021 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. R2-2021 (first reading)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE TO AWARD A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TO JAYSON BEEKMAN,**

**BEEKMAN FARMS FOR THE RENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT SR 753 AND ROBINSON ROAD WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OHIO.**

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

**Motion:** That Resolution No.R2-2021 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. R3-2021(first reading)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE TO AWARD A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TO ANTHONY L. PURSELL FOR THE RENT OF FARM LAND LOCATED AT 1675 OLD CHILLICOTHE ROAD WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OHIO.**

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

**Motion:** That Resolution No.R3-2021 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion passed.**

**(Mr. Denen reviewed the 2020 Fiscal Summary)**

**D. MISCELLANEOUS**

Ms. Hernandez expressed her appreciation of the spring weather.

Mr. Blair noted a compliment received regarding street sweeper work.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Street Department for their continued efforts within the community.

Mr. Lynch was absent. (At this point in the meeting)

Mr. Shiltz noted that he had his second vaccine and encouraged citizens to get vaccinated.

Mr. Hawk had no comment.

Mr. Chrisman encouraged everyone to enjoy the spring weather.

**E. Adjournment**


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

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

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

**Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.**

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL