

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
04/08/2020
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. 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: Mr. James Blair, Mr. Ted Hawk, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Dale Lynch, Mr. Steve Shiltz, and Mr. Jim Chrisman. Mr. Caleb Johnson was absent.

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

Motion: That Mr. Caleb Johnson be excused from the meeting.

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 25, 2020 be approved as corrected.

In discussion, Mr. Lynch noted that Ms. Hernandez moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the motion for approval of the Finance and Personnel minutes.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Mr. Denen advised that there were no communications.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There was none.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (in writing)

Mr. Denen respectfully addressed Council and presented the MS4 Permit.

Mr. Denen recommended citizens continue to practice social distancing.

Mr. Denen noted that a transmission line had been replaced on Engine 140.

Mr. Denen reported that fire hydrant flushing had begun.

Mr. Denen expressed his gratitude for Julie Bolender of the Chamber of Commerce for her efforts with the business community of Washington Court House during the COVID challenge.

Mr. Denen noted the request of Mr. Blair for flags to be placed in the uptown area.

Mr. Denen reported that the tax deadline is July 15, 2020. Mr. Denen encouraged citizens to contact the Tax Department at 740-636-2344 for inquiries, as well as their tax payments being placed in the night drop located at 105 N. Main Street.

Mr. Denen reported multiple ways that a water utility bill could be paid by citizens for their convenience and safety during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Mr. Denen noted the diligence of the hospital and EMS during the stressful and difficult challenges during Covid 19 emergency.

Mr. Denen encouraged everyone to wear facemasks in public place like as grocery stores as recommended by Governor DeWine.

Mr. Denen expressed his excitement with the coordination of EMS, Fayette County Commissioners, Washington Court House Police Department, Sheriff's Department and the Health Department. Mr. Denen encouraged cooperation from citizens with the Fayette County Board of Health. Lastly, Mr. Denen encouraged citizens to remain physically distant and reminded all that the current situation was only temporary.

Mr. Chrisman thanked Mr. Denen for his continued communication with Council and the community.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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. ORDINANCE NO. 3-2020 (third reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 1227 WILLARD STREET; AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE CONTRACT FOR PAYMENT OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE; AND DIRECTING THE COLLECTING OF THE COST OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.

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

MOTION: That Ordinance No. 3-2020 be placed on third reading.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Ordinance No. 3-2020 be passed.

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

Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 4-2020-(third reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 313 WORLEY STREET; AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE CONTRACT FOR PAYMENT OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE; AND DIRECTING THE COLLECTING OF THE COST OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.

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

MOTION: That Ordinance No. 4-2020 be placed on third reading.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Ordinance No. 4-2020 be passed.

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

Motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE NO.5-2020 (third reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 403 E. ELM STREET; AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE CONTRACT FOR PAYMENT OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE; AND DIRECTING THE COLLECTING OF THE COST OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.

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

MOTION: That Ordinance No. 5-2020 be placed on third reading.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Ordinance No. 5-2020 be passed.

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

Motion carried.

D. RESOLUTION NO. R15-2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK HIGHWAY ROCK SALT.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R15-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R15-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.

2. New Legislation (in writing)

A. RESOLUTION NO. R16-2020 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER TO CONTINUE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO REFERENCING PID NUMBER 106392 FOR TEMPLE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R16-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion carried.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Hawk expressed his appreciation of everyone in Fayette County who had obeyed the restrictions that were producing results. Mr. Hawk encouraged everyone to continue to follow the guidelines. Mr. Hawk also thanked the Lord for helping people through this difficult time.

Mr. Lynch seconded comments regarding Mr. Denen keeping everyone informed and the continual efforts of the Health Department, Police Department, Sheriff's Department and City Departments.

Mr. Lynch referenced a quote, "Hard times don't create heroes, it is when hard times happen when heroes are revealed."

Mr. Blair thanked Joe Denen, City Manager and the Service Department for their response to his request to place flags uptown.

Mr. Shiltz thanked Joe Denen, City Manager for keeping the public and Council informed regarding the city response to Covid 19.

Mr. Shiltz stated that he was proud to see citizens connecting.

Ms. Hernandez thanked Mrs. Bolender from the Chamber of Commerce for her communication with local businesses and our community.

Mr. Lynch thanked Mr. Denen and Mr. Chrisman for keeping citizens informed during the difficult time with Covid 19.

Mr. Chrisman expressed his appreciation of the communications that have been received and everyone working together.

Mr. Chrisman thanked everyone.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL