

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
04/28/2021
7:30 pm**

Council met in regular session at 7:30 pm 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. Dale Lynch led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held April 14, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

There was none.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Hawk presented the minutes of the Service, Safety and Recreation Committee meeting held April 14, 2021.

In discussion, Mr. Shiltz inquired about the hydrants being covered with plastic bags along River Road. Chief Downing advised that the Water Department had noted issues with some of the hydrants during their maintenance procedure. The Water Department is in the processes of fixing hydrants in question.

Mr. Lynch noted the minutes needed to be corrected to note Mr. Lynch's presence at the meeting.

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

MOTION: That the minutes of the Service, Safety and Recreation meeting held April 14, 2021 be approved as corrected.

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

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (in writing)

Mr. Denen addressed Council and expressed his appreciation of the Washington Rotary Club for recognizing young people in the community. Mr. Denen continued, and congratulated Ms. Macy Miller of Washington City Schools and Ms. Victoria Miller of Miami Trace School for being chosen as the Rotary Scholarship winners. Finally, Mr. Denen thanked the staff at both schools for their assistance and support with the program.

Mr. Denen reported a water main break on Dice Drive.

Mr. Denen reported that Premiere Pipe was doing gas line work.

Mr. Denen reported that digital speed signs would be placed on Elm Street near the high school to help citizens be aware of their speed in the area.

Mr. Denen noted the preconstruction meeting for Street and Alley Paving.

Mr. Denen thanked the Street Department for their work within the city.

Mr. Denen welcomed the spring weather.

Mr. Lynch noted that due to Covid19, Council and City Departments were limited in attendance to their annual employee luncheons. Mr. Lynch noted words of thanksgiving could not be given to the Departments due to the restrictions and inquired if the Administration would share to the city departments on behalf of Council. Mr. Denen acknowledged the request and stated that he looked forward to an environment where everyone can be back to normal.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Mr. Tom Riley, Director of Finance was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick emphasized that the lawn care enforcement process had begun and encouraged citizens to mow their lawns.

LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAX PAYERS

There were none.

C. LEGISLATION

1.) Legislation Previously Introduced

A. RESOLUTION NO. R44-2020 (first reading)

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.

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

Motion: That Resolution R44-2020 be removed from table.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution R44-2020 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION NO. R12-2021 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER, OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PEREGRINE SERVICES FOR THE MAILING SERVICES OF WATER UTILITY NOTICES.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R12-2021 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R12-2021 be adopted.

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

Motion passed.

C. RESOLUTION NO. R13-2021 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER TO AWARD A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TO RICHARD WOLFE FOR THE RENT OF THE FARM LAND OWNED BY THE CITY (DUNLAP FARM) BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R13-2021 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R13-2021 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

D. RESOLUTION NO. R14-2021 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW WATER AND SEWER BILLING SOFTWARE, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO CARRY OUT THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTION OF THE CITY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R14-2021 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R14-2021 be adopted.

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

Motion adopted.

2. NEW LEGISLATION (in writing)

A. ORDINANCE NO. 6-2021 (first reading)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT UNSUBSCRIBED OR UNSOLICITED HANDBILLS OR LITERATURE TO UNWILLING RECIPIENTS.

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

Motion: That Ordinance No.6-2021 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION NO. R15-2021 (first reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER, OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COMNET SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF PHONE EQUIPMENT AND NECESSARY DEVICES.

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

Motion: That Resolution No.R15-2021 be placed on first reading.

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

Motion passed.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Hernandez thanked Council for participation in the Finance Committee.

Ms. Hernandez encouraged everyone to the mother in their lives.

Mr. Lynch reference a quote "How you use today, determines how tomorrow uses you." Mr. Lynch reflected on the polio vaccine that had been given in the past, that had made it almost nonexistent in the future. Mr. Lynch encouraged vaccination and noted that both sides of the political spectrum had gotten vaccinated.

Mr. Blair had no comment.

Mr. Shiltz encouraged vaccinations. Mr. Shiltz continued and noted the percentage of Fayette County was at 38% and the goal to be at 75% vaccinated.

Mr. Hawk noted his agreement with Mr. Chrisman regarding not wearing masks.

Mr. Johnson expressed his excitement to move forward with the purple heart legislation.

Mr. Johnson noted that he would get his second vaccination on May 7th. Mr. Johnson noted that he was a long supported of everyone who gets the vaccinations but sympathized with those with questions and concerns.

Mr. Chrisman thanked Service, Police and Fire for their work within the city.

E. 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. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Johnson, "Aye", Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; a Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL