

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL  
January 9, 2019  
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. Johnson led the invocation. Ms. Hernandez led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held December 12, 2018 be approved as presented.

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

**Motion carried.**

**B. BUSINESS SESSION**

**COMMUNICATION**

None.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

None.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT ( in writing)**

Mr. Denen respectfully addressed Council and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Denen congratulated Chief Youtz and presented Chief Youtz with a proclamation of appreciation. Mr. Chrisman presented a clock in appreciation of Chief Youtz years of service.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Director of Finance, Mr. Tom Riley addressed Council and reported the statement of cash for the month ending November 30, 2018. Mr. Riley noted the current healthy economy.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS**

There was none.

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

**Motion carried.**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT ( in writing)**

Mr. Denen respectfully addressed Council and welcomed the 2019 year.

Mr. Denen expressed condolences for the Fogt family on the passing of Mr. Tim Fogt. Mr. Denen noted Mr. Fogt's dedicated service on Council and other City Boards.

Mr. Denen thanked Mr. Coole for his services as County Auditor. Mr. Denen continued, and wished Mrs. Mossbarger best wishes on her term.

Mr. Denen congratulated Mr. Gary Dean on his promotion to Assistant Service Director.

Mr. Denen noted cooperative enforcement efforts with the Police Department and the State Highway Patrol.

Mr. Denen stated that brush chipping continued.

Mr. Denen reviewed new legislation.

Mr. Denen noted that he and Councilperson Chrisman had attended a meeting with Union Township. Mr. Denen noted the positive nature of the meeting and thanked Union Township for the opportunity to meet and their consideration of the proposed annexation agreement.

Mr. Denen introduced Dr. Schrader, of the Human Society.

Dr. Schrader respectfully addressed Council and thanked Council for their support of the Humane Society. Dr. Schrader presented a "Save-the-Date" post card announcing a fundraising event that would be held on March 23, 2019.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Director of Finance, Mr. Tom Riley was absent.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick, had no report.

**LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS**

Mr. Harry Wright, a resident of 113 S Main Street, addressed Council and presented a summary regarding Channel Three and views/posts on Facebook. Mr. Wright noted the goal of being self-sufficient by the 2020 year.

Mr. Wright thanked Community Action of Fayette County, Council and the City Administration for their support of Channel Three.

Mr. Don Ary, a resident of 903 Broadway thanked the City Manager and the Police and Fire for their efforts within the neighborhood regarding a public nuisance and trash complaint. Mr. Ary continued noted his continued interest in 829 Broadway.

Mr. Jerry Crawford, a resident of 429 Eastern Avenue, addressed Council and noted his concern regarding a trash complaint at 411 Eastern Avenue and 518 Peabody. Mr. Pitstick advised that there was a public nuisance and trash ordinance in place. Mr. Pitstick continued and stated and that the Municipal Court decides the outcome of each complaint submitted.

Mr. Denen advised that contact would be made with both Mr. Ary and Mr. Crawford regarding their concerns. Mr. Denen noted that the Land Bank continued to proceed with 829 Broadway.

### **C. LEGISLATION**

#### **A. RESOLUTION NO. R48-2018 (second reading)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, WITH JRG CONSULTING LLC., DBA ENTERPRISE ADVISORY GROUP.**

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R48-2018 be placed on second reading.

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

**Motion carried. Title read.**

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R48-2018 be adopted.

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

**Motion carried.**

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

#### **A. RESOLUTION NO. R1-2019 (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 TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT PERSONS.**

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R1-2018 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion carried. Title read.**

**B. RESOLUTION NO. R2-2019 (first reading)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN, CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO REFERENCING PID NUMBER 101091 FOR THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PROJECT**

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R2-2019 be placed on first reading.

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

**Motion carried. Title read.**

**D. MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Jennings stated that he was looking forward the start and finish of Washington Avenue's Reconstruction.

Mr. Shiltz thanked the citizens for attending Council and expressing their concerns.

Mr. Hawk expressed his appreciation of the citizens for attending Council. Mr. Hawk stated that he believed the city was doing a good job with the removal of trash. Mr. Hawk continued and stated that overall the city employees and Departments do a great job keeping their attention on improving the city.

Mr. Lynch stated that he hoped everyone had a wonderful holiday and looked forward to 2019. Mr. Lynch continued and stated that he hoped the Country would find a way to work together.

Mr. Lynch referenced a quoted by Peter Drucker, "There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently than doing that which should not be done at all." Mr. Lynch stated that he hopes that the City keeps the main goal and the country finds a way to do the same.

Mr. Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Johnson thanked the citizens for attending Council. Mr. Johnson stated he believes the employees of the City do a good job and expressed how lucky Council to have a good group of employees who work for the City.

Mr. Johnson then stated that it was a privilege to vote to pay for indigent legal services. Mr. Johnson then spoke about the Constitution and fundamental jurisprudence.

Mr. Johnson noted the great service within the city from the Human Society and Channel Three.

Ms. Hernandez congratulated Channel Three on their recent successes.

Ms. Hernandez congratulated Mr. Gary Dean on his promotion.

Ms. Hernandez encouraged participation with the downtown event "Snowman Shuffle" that would be held on Friday, February 11, 2019 from 5pm-8pm.

Mr. Chrisman thanked Mr. Wright for his efforts with Channel Three.

Mr. Chrisman expressed condolences to the Fogt Family.

Mr. Chrisman wished Mr. Coole luck on his new endeavor and noted that he would be missed.

Mr. Chrisman congratulated Mr. Gary Dean on his promotion.

**ADJOURNMENT**


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

**Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL