

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
01/27/2021
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. Ms. Kendra Hernandez led the invocation. Mr. Chrisman 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. Ted Hawk, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Mr. Dale Lynch, Mr. Steve Shiltz, Mr. James Blair, and Mr. Jim Chrisman.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 13, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

There was none.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There was none.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (in writing)

Mr. Denen respectfully addressed Council and noted progress with the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Denen expressed his appreciation for the Health Department's dedicated work responding with the Covid19 issue.

Mr. Denen encouraged citizens to maintain virus precautions while waiting for vaccination.

Mr. Denen expressed appreciation to the Service Department for recent snow removal.

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. ORDINANCE NO. 1-2021 (second reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 111 S. FAYETTE 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. 1-2021 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 2-2021 (second reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 113 S. FAYETTE 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. Lynch moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Ordinance No. 2-2021 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

C. ORDINANCE NO. 3-2021 (second reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 147 E. COURT 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. 3-2021 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Hernandez had no comment.

Mr. Shiltz encouraged citizens to be vaccinated.

Mr. Blair expressed his appreciation of the emergency sirens.

Mr. Blair suggested using the public sign located to encourage mask use. An inquiry was made regarding who the responsible party was for the signs? Mr. Denen explained history of the signs.

Mr. Lynch noted students at the Washington High School are placing four solar lights that will remain lit representing support first responders, healthcare workers and those who we have lost and survived Covid19.

Mr. Lynch recited section of a poem by Amanda Gorman.

Mr. Hawk had no comment.

Mr. Johnson thanked members of Council for excusing him from the previous meeting.

Mr. Johnson encouraged citizens to be vaccinated.

Mr. Johnson noted the division within the country. Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation of the support of the City addressing local concerns in a positive manner.

Mr. Chrisman encouraged citizens to be vaccinated.

Adjournment

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

Motion: That the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.


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