

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
02/10/2021
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. Ms. Dale Lynch led the invocation. Mr. Steve Shiltz 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: Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Mr. Dale Lynch, Mr. Steve Shiltz, Mr. James Blair, Mr. Ted Hawk, and Mr. Jim Chrisman.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 27, 2021 be approved as presented.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Johnson, "Aye"; Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "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 that the snow was beautiful, but the beauty needed to be a memory. Mr. Denen thanked the Street Department for the work the efforts put forth with the snow removal.

Mr. Denen expressed his appreciation for the Health Department's dedicated work responding with the Covid19 issue. Mr. Denen also noted the work of the hospital and pharmacists.

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

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Mr. Tom Riley, Director of Finance was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick was absent.

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 (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 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.

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

Motion: That Ordinance No. 1-2021 be placed on third reading.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Ordinance No. 1-2021 be passed.

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

Motion passed.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 2-2021 (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 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. Shiltz moved and Ms. Hernandez seconded the following motion:

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

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Ordinance No. 2-2021 be passed.

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

Motion passed.

C. ORDINANCE NO. 3-2021 (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 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 third reading.

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Ordinance No. 3-2021 be passed.

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

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Hernandez thanked those involved with removal of snow.

Ms. Hernandez thanked the Fire Department for their efforts with the recent fire.

Ms. Hernandez wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mr. Shiltz expressed his appreciation of the Service Department for the work put forth with snow removal.

Mr. Shiltz noted that he had his first Covid vaccination.

Mr. Blair expressed his concerns with an article he read concerning the increase in teen suicide rates on a national level due to school closures during the pandemic Mr. Blair commended the local school districts for their diligence to balance in personal school learning and complying with Covid19 requirements.

Mr. Lynch wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mr. Lynch referenced a quote, "Don't get overly proud of yourself, remember the number of people attending your funeral will largely depend on the weather."

Mr. Hawk noted his appreciation Mr. Lynch's invocation.

Mr. Johnson noted his appreciation of Mr. Lynch's invocation.

Mr. Johnson noted the concerns of mental health with students. Mr. Johnson noted his appreciation of the teachers and counselors for their diligence to help students with those concerns.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Street Department for their efforts with snow removal.

Mr. Chrisman noted the invitation from the Commissioners to visit the Fayette County jail. Council recommended Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4pm.

Mr. Chrisman thanked the Street Department for the recent snow removal.

Mr. Chrisman thanked everyone for attending Council.

Mr. Chrisman offered his condolences to the Bell family on the passing of Mr. Joe Bell.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.



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