

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
03/25/2020
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. Shiltz led the invocation. Mr. Hawk 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. Steve Shiltz, Mr. James Blair, Mr. Ted Hawk, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Mr. Dale Lynch, and Mr. Jim Chrisman.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 11, 2020 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Mr. Denen advised that there were no communications.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Chrisman opened the Public Meeting for discussion of the Joint Economic Agreement with Jefferson Township.

There being no discussion the public meeting was closed at 7:31pm.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Ms. Hernandez presented the minutes of the Economic Strategies Cooperation Committee meeting held March 16, 2020.

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

MOTION: That the minutes of the Economic Strategies Cooperation Committee meeting held March 16, 2020 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Lynch presented the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held March 16, 2020.

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

MOTION: That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held March 16, 2020 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (in writing)

Mr. Denen respectfully addressed Council and expressed his gratitude for Leigh Cannon and the Public Health staff for all of their efforts during the COVID 19.

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 that the City of Washington Court House had been communicating diligently with the Fayette County Board of Health. Mr. Denen encouraged cooperation from citizens from all entities with the Fayette County Board of Health. Mr. Denen expressed that simple changes in behavior make large changes in the community. Mr. Denen reinforced social distancing, washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes and simple changes in hygiene. Mr. Denen continued and noted that each citizen has a duty to family, friends, community and especially health care providers to keep each safe from harm. Lastly, Mr. Denen encouraged citizens to not be fearful; and stated that the community will be strengthened and overcome the current situation by exercising compassion and by simple actions taken by each person.

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. 2 -2020 (third reading)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE COUNTY, OHIO.

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

MOTION: That Ordinance 2, 2020 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Ordinance No. 2-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 3-2020 (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 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. Johnson seconded the following motion:

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

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

Motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE NO. 4-2020-(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 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. Blair seconded the following motion:

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

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

Motion carried.

D. ORDINANCE NO.5-2020 (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 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.

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

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

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

Motion carried.

E. RESOLUTION NO. R10-2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER, OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OHIO CAT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CATERPILLAR 420 BACKHOE.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R10-2020 be placed on second reading.

In discussion, Mr. Shiltz inquired about the time frame until the item would be purchased? Mr. Denen responded that the legislation authorized the purchase. Mr. Denen stated that discussions would continue regarding the best time to execute action on the agreement.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R10-2020 be placed adopted.

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

Motion carried.

E. RESOLUTION NO. R11-2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER, OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OHIO CAT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CATERPILLER 259D3 HIGH FLOW LOADER.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R11-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R11-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.

F. RESOLUTION NO. R12-2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER, OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH VERMEER FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VERMEER VACTRON CV573 SGT VACUUM EXCAVATOR.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R12-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R12-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.

G. RESOLUTION NO. R13-2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER, OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR THE 2020 STORM WATER SYSTEM GIS DEVELOPMENT.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R13-2020 be placed on second reading.

In discussion, Mr. Blair inquired concerning cost. Mrs. Ford addressed Mr. Blair and advised the amount was \$42,800.00.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R13-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion carried.

H. RESOLUTION NO. R14 -2020 (second reading)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER, OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE TO AWARD A ONE YEAR CONTRACT TO JAYSON BEEKMAN, BEEKMAN FARMS FOR THE RENT OF FARM LAND OWNED BY THE CITY LOCATED AT 1675 OLD CHILLICOTHE ROAD WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R14-2020 be placed on second reading.

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

Motion carried.

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

MOTION: That Resolution No. R14-2020 be adopted.

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

2. New Legislation (in writing)

A. RESOLUTION NO. R15-2020 (first 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.

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

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

In discussion, Mr. Shiltz inquired about the cost per ton? Mr. Denen stated that the legislation authorized participation in the program.

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

Motion carried.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Johnson thanked everyone for accommodations being made during the Covid 19 crisis.

Mr. Johnson encouraged everyone to wash hands and noted the benefits of wearing casual attire.

Mr. Johnson noted the efforts of businesses following the guidelines mandated by the Governor.

Mr. Hawk thanked God for the good leadership locally and nationally regarding the actions taken on Covid 19. Mr. Hawk stated that he prays the Lord continues to keep everyone safe.

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

Mr. Lynch expressed his appreciation of the U.S. Senate being in the process of passing legislation to help small businesses.

Mr. Lynch quoted Romans V verse 3-5.

Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Lynch for his comments and scripture reading.

Mr. Shiltz noted the strain that Covid 19 had been placing on many citizens and health care facilities, specifically noting the smaller hospitals.

Mr. Shiltz hoped that the community will stay healthy and expressed his appreciation of seeing people walking and being outside.

Ms. Hernandez expressed her concern regarding the impact of Covid 19 on the small business. Ms. Hernandez stated that most businesses she had contacted noted their faith was strong and stated that God will endure.

Mr. Chrisman expressed his appreciation of the communication that had been received and everyone working together.

Mr. Chrisman thanked staff and all of the departments for their efforts during this time.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL