

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
05/12/2021
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. Mr. Dale Lynch led the invocation. Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Honor Guard from the Department of Chapter 31 led the pledge of allegiance. A plaque was presented to Council from the Purple Heart Honor Guard recognizing the City of Washington Court House as a Purple Heart City.

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. Ted Hawk, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Dale Lynch, Mr. Steve Shiltz, Mr. James Blair, and Mr. Jim Chrisman.

Mr. Caleb Johnson was absent.

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

Motion: That Mr. Caleb Johnson be excused from the meeting.

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held April 28, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

There was none.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Ms. Hernandez presented the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee meeting held April 28, 2021.

In discussion, Mr. Lynch noted the time change on the minutes from 10 am to 6pm.

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

MOTION: That the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation meeting held April 28, 2021 be approved as corrected.

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.

Mr. Lynch presented the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held April 28, 2021.

In discussion, Ms. Hernandez noted the time change on the minutes from 10 am to 5pm.

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

MOTION: That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held April 28, 2021 be approved as corrected.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye"; Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye"; Mr. Blair, "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 all of the students of Washington City Schools and Miami Trace School for being chosen as scholarship winners. Mr. Denen noted the exceptional examples of academic accomplishment, athletic skill and realization of the innate value of the adoption in life of a community minded spirit. Mr. Denen thanked the staff at both schools for their assistance and support with the program.

Mr. Denen reported the new upcoming format of water bills would begin June 1st.

Mr. Denen reported that the Wastewater Project was proceeding well. Mr. Denen noted the lack of material availability due to Covid and weather issues.

Mr. Denen thanked members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for joining the meeting.

In discussion, Mr. Shiltz expressed his excitement with the new utility bills.

Mr. Lynch congratulated the Washington Rotary Club upon its anniversary.

Mr. Lynch expressed his appreciation of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for attending Council.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Mr. Tom Riley, Director of Finance was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick had no comment.

LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAX PAYERS

There were none.

C. LEGISLATION

1.) Legislation Previously Introduced

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

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

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

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

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

Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION NO. R44-2020 (second 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.

In discussion, Mr. Chrisman noted that the date of the legislation should be changed from October 14, 2020 to May 12, 2021.

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

Motion: That Resolution R44-2020 be amended to note the date of May 12, 2021.

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

Motion passed.

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

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

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution R44-2020 be adopted.

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

Motion passed.

C. RESOLUTION NO. R15-2021 (second 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.

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

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

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

Motion passed.

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

Motion: That Resolution No. R15-2021 be adopted.

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

Motion passed.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Hawk expressed his excitement with the recent weather.

Mr. Shiltz thanked Mr. Chris Richardson, Code Enforcement, the Fayette County Health Department and Mr. Denen, City Manager on an expedient resolution to miscellaneous issues brought to their attention within the city.

Mr. Blair referenced Proverbs 11:11, "Upright citizens bless a city and make it prosper, but the talk of the wicked tears it apart."

Mr. Lynch referenced a quote, "Easy for all of us to justify our own inefficiencies by criticizing others."

Ms. Hernandez expressed her appreciation of the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Mr. Chrisman thanked the gentleman from the Military Order of the Purple Heart for attending Council.

E. Adjournment

Ms. Hernandez moved and Mr. Lynch 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. Lynch, "Aye"; a Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", Mr. Blair, "Aye"; and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


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Report of C. M. J. J. D. 05/12/21

A.) Note students of Washington City Schools recognized by Rotary.

- 1.) Outstanding Athlete: Emily Semler
- 2.) Service Above Self: Madison Gilmore
- 3.) Outstanding Scholars: Hayden Brown, Reilly Downing, Preston Hines,

Analese Mitson, Ashylen Thevenot, Morgan Williams.

- a.) These young people are exceptional examples of academic accomplishment, athletic skill and a realization of the innate value of adopting in your life a community minded spirit.
- b.) Thank the Washington Rotary Club and Washington City Schools for their work recognizing the accomplishment of young people in our community.

B.) Talk about the new upcoming format for Water/Wastewater Bills.

- 1.) June 1st billings.

C.) Wastewater Project Proceeding Well

- 1.) Material Availability issues
 - a.) Covid
 - b.) Weather Texas

D.) Thank the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for sharing today with us.

- 1.) Frequently, the price of national destiny is shouldered by a precious few individuals, usually in their youth. I thank the many men and women who have served our county. I pray that God grant us that our future responsibility of preserving our republic cost us less blood, toil and tears.