

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016**

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, January 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Mayor Sandy Lucy opened the meeting with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor:	Sandy Lucy	Present
Council Members: Ward I	Steve Sullentrup	Present
	Walter Meyer	Present
Ward II	Jeff Mohesky	Present
	Mark Hidritch	Present
Ward III	Jeff Patke	Present
	Greg Skornia	Present
Ward IV	Josh Brinker	Present
	Joe Holtmeier	Present
Also Present:	City Attorney	Mark Piontek
	City Administrator	James Briggs
	Assistant City Administrator/ Public Works Director	Brian Boehmer
	City Clerk	Mary Trentmann
	Police Captain	Ed Menefee
	Finance Manager	Mary Sprung
	Library Director	Jackie Hawes

Originals and/or copies of agenda items of the meeting, including recorded votes are available on record in the office of the City Clerk. Each ordinance is read a minimum of twice by title, unless otherwise noted.

Approval of Minutes:

- * Approval of the Minutes from the December 7, 2015 Council Meeting

A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Holtmeier, passed without dissent.

Approval and Adjustment of Agenda including Consent Agenda:

- * Lewis, Rice LLC invoice for November 2015 services
- * Final Pay Request – CRD & Associates, Inc. – Camp Street Bridge Design
- * Payments of over \$40,000 (+): United Healthcare \$130,000.00 Estimated February Health Insurance premium; LAGERS \$60,000.00 Estimated January wage benefits; Ameren UE \$100,000.00 Estimated December energy usage; UMB Bank, NA. Trust \$95,000.00

Estimated January debt service payment Sewer Revenue Bonds – 2007B; Insight Public Sector \$102,938.96 Microsoft Licenses.

A motion to accept and approve the agenda including the consent agenda accordingly was made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Meyer, passed without dissent.

PRIORITY ITEMS:

Mayor's Presentations, Appointments & Re-Appointments

* Appointment of City Engineer:

December 30, 2015

City Council Members

City of Washington

405 Jefferson Street

Washington, MO 63090

RE: City Engineer Appointment

Dear Council Members;

I herewith submit for your approval the following for the appointment of City Engineer:

John Nilges.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

John will start working for the City on January 19, 2016.

A motion to accept and approve the appointment was made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch, passed without dissent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

* None

CITIZENS DISCUSSIONS

* None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* None

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

* Jefferson Street Bridge Design Contract:

December 18, 2015

Honorable Mayor Sandy Lucy & City Council

405 Jefferson Street

Washington, Missouri 63090

Re: Jefferson Street Bridge & City Council

Dear Honorable Mayor & City Council

The purpose of this letter is to resolve a design fee issue with a BFA sub-consultant on the project, Jacobs Engineering Group. Jacobs is requesting additional compensation for work performed beyond the contract scope. The work comprised two issues as summarized below.

- 1. The City requested BFA to investigate if the existing bridge substructure could be used in place. The request was made in an attempt to save construction time and money. The result of their work was a determination that the substructure should be removed and replaced. Jacobs requested fee for this work is \$2,056.59.*
- 2. The City requested that an improved turning radius be designed at the southeast corner of Eight and Jefferson Streets. The change was made after preliminary plans were complete and involved a second hydraulic analysis to insure a no-rise in flood waters. The Jacobs Engineering Group requested fee for this work is \$6,954.16.*

The Missouri Department of Transportation has informed us that they will not participate in these fees since they were beyond the scope of the original contract. Payment as requested is recommended.

*Sincerely,
Daniel E. Boyce, P.E.
City Engineer*

Jim Briggs explains the letter from Dan.

Jeff Nilges explains that two sub consultants were hired by BFA because they do not have a structural or traffic engineer on staff. Councilman Patke wants to know if it would be easier for the City to hire those sub consultants instead of going through BFA. Jim Briggs explains that this is done for coordinating reasons.

Goal is to remove and have bridge back in place before the Fair.

Bid opening is this Friday.

A motion to accept and approve the Letter was made by Councilmember Brinker, seconded by Councilmember Patke, passed without dissent.

* 2016 East West Gateway Surface Transportation Program:

December 24, 2015

Mayor Sandy Lucy & City Council

Re: 2016 East West Gateway Surface Transportation Program

Mayor Lucy and City Council,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that projects are currently being solicited for the subject program, and request any input regarding a worthy project candidate.

Enclosed find a December 17, 2015 EWGW e-mail that describes the process. Note that project applications are currently available, and they are due Thursday, March 3, 2016. Further, the types of eligible projects are described in the last two paragraphs of the enclosed e-mail.

To be eligible for funding the road must be classified as depicted on the enclosed map. Examples of past East West Gateway funded projects are shown on Attachment "A".

*Sincerely,
Daniel E. Boyce, P.E.
City Engineer
Attachments*

List of projects that have been done in the past is included; other parts can be added if they are marked on the enclosed map. This would be for completion in 2020.

A motion to accept and approve the letter was made by Councilmember Brinker, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch, passed without dissent.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 16-11467, Ordinance No. 16-11476, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Settlement Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri, the Missouri Attorney General's Office, and the Missouri Department of Resources.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

This ordinance is about the landfill. On cell 2, when they were doing some testing for DNR, they discovered that the liner was installed short of its distance.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Brinker-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Mohesky-aye, Hidritch-aye, Meyer-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye.

Bill No. 16-11468, Ordinance No. 16-11477, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Supplemental Agreement by and between the City of Washington and Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Bluff Road Improvements Project STP-6400(623) in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Skornia.

These improvements are scheduled for 2018.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Brinker-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Mohesky-aye, Hidritch-aye, Meyer-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye.

Bill No. 16-11469, Ordinance No. 16-11478, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Airport Aid Agreement between the City of Washington and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

This is for the agreement with MoDOT on the minimum standards.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Brinker-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Mohesky-aye, Hidritch-aye, Meyer-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye.

Bill No. 16-11470, Ordinance No. 16-11479, an ordinance amending the 2015 Budget for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 for the City of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

Mary Sprung explains the amendments.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Brinker-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Mohesky-aye, Hidritch-aye, Meyer-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye.

Bill No. 16-11471, Ordinance No. 16-11480, an ordinance amending the provisions of Chapter 320, Schedule I of the Washington City Code, Speed Limits, in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

This will establish a speed limit for 20 mph on Front Street between Stafford and Market and removing a speed limit of 30 mph between Cedar and Tiemann. This will become 25 mph.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Brinker-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Mohesky-aye, Hidritch-aye, Meyer-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye.

Bill No. 16-11472, Ordinance No. 16-11481, an ordinance amending the provisions of Chapter 345, Schedule X, Pedestrian Crosswalks, of the Washington City Code by adding a crosswalk at the location specified below, in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

This will add a crosswalk on the intersection of Fifth and Market.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Brinker-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Mohesky-aye, Hidritch-aye, Meyer-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Bill No. 16-11473, Ordinance No. 16-11482, an ordinance vacating a portion of First Street Right-of-Way, from Fulton Street to Henry Street, in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

Five feet will be taken of each side of First Street, between Fulton and Henry. This is for a building on Bill Miller's property that is partially on right-of-way. But doing this vacation it will be completely on private property.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Brinker-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Mohesky-aye, Hidritch-aye, Meyer-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye.

MAYOR'S REPORT

* Next Council meeting – Tuesday, January 19, 2016 due to MLK holiday

* Letter to Governor – Veterans Home in Washington, Missouri:

December 31, 2015

Governor Jay Nixon

P.O. Box 720

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Governor Nixon,

Over the past several months Washington Chapter 324 of the Korean War Association have had several discussions with me expressing interest in Veterans Homes in Missouri. I believe

Missourians do an excellent job caring for our veterans; however, when I learned of the long waiting list to be placed in one of our facilities, I immediately wondered what we could do to improve the situation.

Members of Washington's Chapter 324 are on a mission to gain support for another Veterans Home in our state. In reviewing the current locations of Veterans Homes across the state I feel the Washington area would be an excellent location for a new facility. Not only would this location provide an opportunity for veterans in Franklin and surrounding counties but it is easily accessible from the St. Louis metropolitan area, considering our close proximity.

Over the past several weeks members of Chapter 324 have been working diligently to garner community support for a Veterans Home in Washington. As a result of many discussions and several meetings we believe an excellent location of this project has been discovered. The property includes approximately 30 acres and is located adjacent to Highway 100. The suggested property is only minutes away from Mercy Hospital and adjoins one of our prime shopping areas. In addition, this acreage is ready for development as all infrastructure is already in place.

As you know, the Washington community is extremely supportive of our veterans – we understand the sacrifices they made to insure the quality of life we enjoy today. Without a doubt a Veterans Home in Washington would be supported by our numerous service organizations, churches and schools, and individual citizens.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me. In Washington we love our Veterans!

Sincerely,

Sandy Lucy, Mayor

This is a letter to the Governor with reasons why Washington would be a good spot for it.

Auditors

A motion to accept and approve the Letter into the minutes was made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch, passed without dissent.

- * Employee Appreciation Party is this Friday at the lower level of the Elks.
- * Thank you to City staff, Chief Halmich and Captain Menefee, with the flooding.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- * Proposed Amendment to I-44 East Redevelopment Plan & Redevelopment Project 1 from the City of St. Clair
- * Chamber was contacted by MoDOT about a \$2,000 grant for improvements or maintenance at Depot. Tourism director would like for the Depot to be painted; project needs to be completed by end of June. Estimated cost for this \$16,000. Would have to go out for bids on this.

Councilman Patke would like to go out for bids first and then decide if they want to do the painting. Jim Briggs explains that you can apply for grant and if bids come back to high, you can still decide not to do it and return the money for the grant. Deadline for application is end of January.

A motion to apply for MoDOT grant for Depot improvements (painting) and have the additional funds expensed from the Downtown TIF was made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch, passed without dissent.

- * Flooding was minor due to being proactive after the flooding in the '90s.
- * Kuddos to Police, Fire, Street and Public Works for the help on the resent flooding.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Public vote on whether or not to hold a closed meeting to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo (2000) passed at 7:50 p.m. on the following roll call vote; Brinker-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Mohesky-nay, Hidritch-aye, Meyer-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye.

The regular session reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:17 p.m. by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Brinker, passed without dissent.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President of City Council

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor of Washington, Missouri