

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015**

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, August 17, 2015, 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	Absent
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 Chief	Ken Hahn
	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 August 3, 2015 Council Meeting

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

Approval and Adjustment of Agenda including Consent Agenda:

* Payments of over \$40,000 (+): John Fabick Tractor Company \$221,965.00 2015 John Deere 953D Track Loader; Washington Missouri Tourism Commission \$41,746.22 2nd quarter meeting; The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company \$1,290,053.75 Debt Service – Principal \$1,105,000.00 and interest \$185,053.75 for COP Series 2010, due October 1, 2015.

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

PRIORITY ITEMS:

Mayor’s Presentations, Appointments & Re-Appointments

- * None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- * Public Hearing – City of Washington Tax Levy

City of Washington

<i>ASSESSED VALUATION</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX YEAR</i>	<i>PRIOR TAX YEAR</i>
<i>Real Estate</i>	\$253,768,664	\$258,196,172
<i>Personal Property</i>	<u>\$52,775,358</u>	<u>\$52,001,124</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$306,544,022	\$310,197,296

Based on Missouri State statutes, the permitted 2015 tax levy for the general operating levy of the City of Washington is \$0.6062 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

<i>FUND</i>	<i>TAX REVENUE FOR 2015-2016</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX RATE</i>
<i>General Fund</i>	\$1,858,270	\$0.6062/\$100

City of Washington – Library District

<i>ASSESSED VALUATION</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX YEAR</i>	<i>PRIOR TAX YEAR</i>
<i>Real Estate</i>	\$107,510,076	\$109,093,126
<i>Personal Property</i>	<u>\$24,942,154</u>	<u>\$24,137,975</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$132,452,230	\$133,231,101

Based on Missouri State statutes, the permitted 2015 tax levy for the general operating levy of the City of Washington – Library District is \$0.1000 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

<i>FUND</i>	<i>TAX REVENUE FOR 2015-2016</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX RATE</i>
<i>Library Fund</i>	\$132,452	\$0.1000/\$100

MAXIMUM ALLOWED, BY MO STATE STATUTES:

TOTAL OF BOTH TAX LEVIES: \$0.7062/\$100

RATES ARE CONTINGENT ON FINAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, MISSOURI

Mayor: Mary?

Mary Sprung: Good evening, this is the Tax Levy hearing. And as you have in your packet, based on the assessed valuation received from Franklin County for real estate. For the City of Washington, we have an assessed valuation for 2015 of \$253,000,768,664. I'm sorry, \$253,768,664. We have personal property assessed valuation of \$52,775,358 for a combined total of \$306,544,022, and that is down about \$3.7 million from last year. With the proposed tax rate of 0.6062 per \$100 of assessed valuation, it's estimated that the City will collect approximately \$1,858,270.

For the City of Washington, Library District, based on their assessed valuation received from Franklin County, for real estate we have \$107,510,076. Personal property assessed valuation is \$24,942,154, for a combined total of \$132,452,230, and that is down about \$800,000 from the prior year. With a proposed tax rate of 0.1000 per \$100 of assessed valuation estimated tax revenue is \$132,452.

So the combined tax levies for both of those is 0.7062 per \$100 of assessed valuation and that is the maximum that is allowed by law. And these values are based on Board of Equalization values after they've met so these are the final values. Does anybody have any questions?

Skornia: Is that a new tax rate for the library or the old tax rate?

Mary Sprung: That's the same, that's the maximum that is set and we have that for two, that is the second year in a row that it has been set at maximum.

Skornia: But they voted to raise that or is that just for the special library districts?

Mary Sprung: That's for Scenic Regional.

Jim Briggs: That was just Scenic Regional. If we would want to increase ours we would have to ask our voters within our district for an increase.

Mayor: Ok, thank you Mary. Ok, so this is a Public Hearing, is there anyone that would like to comment on the tax levy? Anyone? Ok, next item?

Mary Trentmann: You need to accept it into the minutes.

Patke: I'll make a motion to accept it into the minutes.

Brinker: Second.

Mayor: Ok, we have a motion by ...

A motion to accept the Public Hearing into the minutes was made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Brinker, passed without dissent.

Bill No. 15-11421, Ordinance No. 15-11431, an ordinance levying and imposing for the Calendar Year 2015 a tax upon real estate and taxable tangible property in the City of Washington, Missouri for General municipal purposes and for a free Public Library.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

Patke: Patke.

Mayor: Introduced by Councilman Patke. Ok, this is the ordinance then which levies and imposed the tax. Any questions or comments?

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Brinker-aye, Mohesky-aye, Meyer-absent.

Mayor: By your vote, you've approved the ordinance. Thank you.

CITIZENS DISCUSSIONS

* None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* None

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

* **Chief Hahn:** restructuring and realigning the command staff in the Police department. Current structure is inverted: 4 lieutenants that supervise the squad and 2 road sergeants. There should not be more lieutenants than sergeants. A sergeant will be promoted with the retirement of Lieutenant Stapp, and when the next lieutenant retires another sergeant will be promoted. No new lieutenants will be made. That way the line structure will become the way it should be. There will then be 4 sergeants and 2 lieutenants. This will save the City some money.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 15-11422, Ordinance No. 15-11432, an ordinance repealing Section 165.265 of the Code of the City of Washington, Missouri relating to failure to pay fines and failure to appear.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Sullentrup.

Mark Piontek explains that this ordinance was made following some changes in Missouri laws, senate bill #5. This bill will go into effect on August 28, 2015. Explains the changes briefly. Mark Piontek recommends approving the ordinance.

Councilman Patke wants to know if this result in less money coming in. Mark Piontek is unsure about that. Bill came to place due to the abuse in some communities.

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

Bill No. 15-11423, Ordinance No. 15-11433, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri, the Washington Fire Department, and the Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Hidritch.

This is an annual renewal.

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

Bill No. 15-11424, Ordinance No. 15-11434, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Wilson & Company Management, L.L.C.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Brinker.

Jim Briggs explains that this is the portion of Zero Avenue that runs along the front of the house. Received a letter from the Duncans that they do not object to the vacation and transferring it to Jeff Wilson.

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

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

* **Preliminary Plat Approval – Hanover Place:**

August 11, 2015

Mayor & City Council

City of Washington

Washington, MO 63090

Dear Mayor & City Council:

Re: Hanover Place

At their August 10, 2015 meeting, the P&Z Commission recommended preliminary plat approval for the subject subdivision, with the following contingencies.

- Sanitary sewer service lines shall be designed.*
- A letter of permission shall be obtained from the Knights of Columbus for modifications to the storm water detention facility located on their property.*
- Calculations shall be provided to indicate proper capacity for all swales.
 - Both the 10% and 1% storms shall be analyzed.**
- All utility lines and storm water drainage swales shall be located in easements. There shall be a 10' utility and storm water drainage easement at the rear of all lots (490.070C9).*
- All drawings and calculations shall bear the seal of a Missouri registered Professional Engineer.*

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Holdmeier

Chairman

This development is off of West Ninth Street. Planning & Zoning has put some contingencies with their recommendation for approval.

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

* **Preliminary Plat Approval – Highland Meadows, Plat 2:**

August 11, 2015

Mayor & City Council

City of Washington

Washington, MO 63090

Dear Mayor & City Council:

Re: Highland Meadows, Plat 2

At their August 10, 2015 meeting, the P&Z Commission recommended preliminary plat approval for the subject subdivision, with the following contingencies.

- Any financial assurance required prior to final plat approval shall include construction of High Street along the frontage of proposed Lot 3, along with the required drainage structures. Note that construction of said street will require a floodplain development permit.
- The sanitary sewer line shall be located in an easement. Note that construction of said line will require a floodplain development permit.
- All plans and calculations shall bear the seal of a Missouri Registered Professional Engineer.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Holdmeier

Chairman

This is south of Highway 100. Planning & Zoning recommends approval with some contingencies.

Jim Briggs met with Kurt Unnerstall this afternoon. He proposed to extend High Street to 60 feet south of the north line of lot 3. The balance of the street improvements would be deferred until the street gets extended. He would like to have future discussions about assistance from the City for the extension from that roadway. City is asking them to build a 40ft street; other developers only do 35ft. Kurt Unnerstall would like for the City to pick up the extra cost for that. Board of Public works wants to change 8" pipes out for 10" for future water expansions. City has picked up the additional cost for that in the past. Other item on contingency list was storm water detention plans. Developer will be taking care of the part to the south when they do their next phase of development. This will have to be regulated by DNR.

In the past the City has always evaluated that the street needs to be the full frontage of the lot, unless you have a variance.

If approved tonight, they will not build that street until they develop that lot.

Engineering has not reviewed the cost estimates for the roadway yet. It can be approved subject to engineering's reviews of the cost estimates, prior to filing the final plat.

Kurt Unnerstall explains his request. He explains that they will put up the money with a bond.

Jim Briggs explains that if he decides to put in a sidewalk, the City will pick up the cost for that.

That does not have to be decided tonight.

Engineering should have a cost estimate by the next Administration/Operations meeting.

The final plat will not be recorded until everything on the contingency list is resolved.

Jim Briggs gives several examples of streets that were built and paid for by the developer.

A motion to accept and approve the Preliminary Plat Approval into the minutes was made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Sullentrup, passed without dissent.

Bill No. 15-11425, Ordinance No. 15-11435, an ordinance approving the Final Plat of Highland Meadows, Plat 2, in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Sullentrup.

This ordinance is subject to the approval of Engineering on the cost estimates.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Brinker-aye, Hidritch-aye, Mohesky-aye, Meyer-absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

* September City Council Meeting Changes: September 7th to 8th & September 21st to 28th, 2015.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

* Talked to Public Works about the chlorination. So far there have been 38 complaints about the chloride in the water. 59 residences were visited after complaints of discoloration. Most of those were in the old part of town.

Councilman Patke wants to know if there is more chlorine in the system because the smell and taste have gotten worse. Jim Briggs explains that it is worse in some parts of town than others depending on how close you are to the wellhead. It can also be caused by standing water. Consultant is looking into this to see if there is anything they can do about it.

- * Street department is putting down stripes throughout town.
- * Novachip program will start in September, overlay in October.
- * Job openings for City Engineer, Building Official and Planner.

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 7:37 p.m. on the following roll call vote; Sullentrup-nay, Skornia-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Brinker-aye, Hidritch-aye, Mohesky-nay, Meyer-absent.

Closed session discussion on DNR’s order to chlorinate the water system; the Board of Public Works wanted the Council to file an appeal before the deadline. After discussion, the motion to not file the appeal was made by Councilmember Sullentrup and seconded by Councilmember Brinker. The motion passed on the following roll call vote; Sullentrup-aye, Skornia-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Brinker-aye, Hidritch-aye, Mohesky-aye, Meyer-absent.

The regular session reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:16 p.m. by Councilmember Brinker, seconded by Councilmember Patke, passed without dissent.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President of City Council

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor of Washington, Missouri