

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, March 15, 2021, 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
	Nick Obermark	Present
Ward II	Mark Wessels	Present
	Mark Hidritch	Present
Ward III	Jeff Patke	Present
	Greg Skornia	Present
Ward IV	Gretchen Pettet	Present
	Joe Holtmeier	Present

Also Present:	City Attorney	Mark Piontek
	City Administrator	Darren Lamb
	City Clerk	Sherri Klekamp
	Police Chief	Ed Menefee
	Public Works Director	John Nilges
	Emergency Management Director	Mark Skornia
	Water/Wastewater Superintendent	Kevin Quaethem
	Parks Director	Wayne Dunker
	Finance Director	Mary Sprung
	Library Director	Nelson Appell

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 March 1, 2021 Council Meeting

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

Approval and Adjustment of Agenda including Consent Agenda:

* Liquor License Approval – Streber Holdings LLC dba Oak and Front – 120 West Front Street

* Liquor License Approval – Elijah McLean’s LLC dba Front Street Cellars – 430 West Front Street

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

PRIORITY ITEMS:

Mayor's Presentations, Appointments & Re-Appointments:

* Police Department Appointment

March 9, 2021

To The City Council

City of Washington

Washington, MO 63090

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following for appointment to the Police Department for a six month probationary term:

<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED</i>	<i>TERM EXPIRE</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Chaplin</i>	<i>March 18, 2021</i>	<i>September 08, 2021</i>
<i>Patrol Officer</i>		<i>(1st 6 months)</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

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

* Police Department Reappointment

March 5, 2021

City Council

City of Washington

Washington, Missouri

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following for reappointment to the Police Department:

<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED</i>	<i>TERM EXPIRES</i>
<i>David Burke</i>	<i>April 03, 2021</i>	<i>April 03, 2022</i>
<i>Police Officer</i>		

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

A motion to accept and approve the reappointment made by Councilmember Sullentrup, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch, passed without dissent.

* Franklin County Transportation Committee Appointment

March 10, 2021

To the City Council

City of Washington

Washington, Missouri

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following for appointment to the Franklin County Transportation Committee as an alternate attendee in accordance with the Bylaws of the Franklin County Transportation Committee:

Darren Lamb, City Administrator

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

* None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

* None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* None

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

* None

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 21-12318, Ordinance No. 21-13270, an ordinance accepting the bid from Joe Machens Ford Lincoln, Columbia, Missouri and to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford F450 Regular Cab & Chassis, 4 Wheel Drive with Custom Bed by the City of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Wessels-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Pettet-aye, Skornia-aye, Obermark-aye, Patke-aye.

Bill No. 21-12319, Ordinance No. 21-13271, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Washington, Missouri to accept the bid from NOC, LLC for the purchase of new cameras to expand its Network Camera System.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Skornia.

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

Bill No. 21-12320, Ordinance No. 21-13272, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Washington, Missouri to enter into a Sales Contract with Poly Systems, Inc. for the Waterline Extension to Meadowlake Farms Subdivision.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Wessels-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Pettet-aye, Skornia-aye, Obermark-aye, Patke-aye.

Bill No. 21-12321, Ordinance No. 21-13273, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a License Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Sullentrup.

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

Bill No. 21-12322, Ordinance No. 21-13274, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Amendment to State Block Grant Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

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

Bill No. 21-12323, TABLED, Introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier, An ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Service Agreement MOU – Mobility Device Sharing Services by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Neutron Holdings, Inc.

After discussions on designated parking, enforcement, safety and liability coverage, and reduced speed in certain areas, a motion to table the ordinance and take it back to the Traffic Committee made by Councilmember Wessels, seconded by Councilmember Pettet and passed 5-4 on the following roll call vote: Wessels-aye, Hidritch-nay, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-nay, Pettet-aye, Skornia-aye, Obermark-nay, Patke-nay, Lucy-aye.

TABLED - An ordinance amending Section 210.2170.A of the Code of the City of Washington, Missouri.

A motion to table the ordinance made by Councilmember Pettet, seconded by Councilmember Wessels, passed without dissent.

Bill No. 20-12324, Ordinance No. 21-13275, an ordinance amending Section 220.015 of the Code of the City of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Sullentrup.

After discussions on trash and recycling services, Landfill operation and proposed fee increase, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Wessels-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Pettet-aye, Skornia-aye, Obermark-aye, Patke-aye.

Bill No. 21-12325, Ordinance No. 21-13276, an ordinance amending Section 235.010 of the Code of the City of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

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

Bill No. 21-12326, Ordinance No. 21-13277, an ordinance amending Section 265.070 of the Code of the City of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

After discussion on the Athletic Field advertising, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Wessels-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Pettet-aye, Skornia-aye, Obermark-aye, Patke-aye.

Bill No. 21-12327, Ordinance No. 21-13278, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 21-13265 of the Code of the City of Washington, Missouri being an ordinance amending Section 700.020 of the Code of the City of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

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

Bill No. 21-12328, Ordinance No. 21-13279, an ordinance annexing 7.95 acres adjacent to The Overlook at Weber Farms into the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

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

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

* Illegal Tree Removal – East Riverfront Trail

March 4, 2021

Honorable Mayor and City Council

City of Washington

405 Jefferson Street

Washington, MO 63090

RE: Illegal Tree Removal – East Riverfront Trail

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to express our severe disgust with the recent illegal removal of trees along the East Riverfront Trail. This was a blatant disregard to park and railroad rules in order for a homeowner to increase the value of their property, while destroying park and railroad property, a designated wetland area and wildlife habitat. The illegal removal happened in a designated wetland area that was home to many species of animals. Wetlands help reduce flooding and are home to many species of migratory and resident birds (including the Bald Eagle), reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects. Nearly half of Missouri's total plant species are associated with wetlands and more than a quarter of Missouri's nesting and migratory birds depend on wetlands for part of their life cycle. For a little perspective on this destruction, MODOT and their subcontractors managed to build the new river bridge without destroying wetlands and if areas were disturbed they were replaced in the same condition they were found. As you may recall, last summer after MODOT left the bridge site City staff worked vigorously to reconstruct the East Riverfront Trail in a very short period, so the public could enjoy it during the height of the pandemic. One of the few options for exercise and enjoying nature last fall was the use of the reconstructed trail. In just a few hours, a section of this public parkland was destroyed for the fulfillment of a single homeowner. You may also recall, during the reconstruction of the trail City staff made concentrated efforts to keep the trail as natural and as scenic as possible, while trying to protect the health of remaining trees and the surrounding wetlands. As a Commission, we feel the homeowner trespassing on park property for personal gain, undermined the City's recent trail work and destroyed a section of designated wetland within a park. The Washington Parks and Recreation Commission would like to see the responsible person(s) that caused the destruction prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Sincerely,

Washington Parks and Recreation Commission

Washington Urban Forestry Council

After a brief discussion, a motion to accept this item into the minutes made by Councilmember Sullentrup, seconded by Councilmember Obermark, passed without dissent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- * On Friday, March 12, Mayor Sandy Lucy and City Administrator Darren Lamb met with three of the candidates that are running for City Council. To date, they have met with Tessie Steffens, Dan Contarini and Duane Reed. There are still dates available for candidates that would like to meet to ask questions or discuss City operations.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- * The Federal Legislation passed The American Rescue Plan of 2021. The act provides considerable assistance to cities of all types in Missouri, and there are categories on what the money can be spent on. A committee will be developed to discuss possible projects to spend the money on and will be presented at a later date.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- * Councilmember Hidritch, Public Works Director John Nilges and Emergency Management Director Mark Skornia discussed last week’s watermain break, boil order, and CodeRED Alert.
- * Councilmember Hidritch and Public Works Director John Nilges briefly discussed the Number 6 Well House sign.
- * Councilmember Hidritch and Police Chief Ed Menefee briefly discussed unlicensed and derelict vehicles.
- * Councilmember Hidritch stated he would like Council to look at the Local Bidders Preference Policy from the March 1, 2021 Council Workshop. After discussion, a motion to give local vendors the chance to match state bids and to revise the Purchasing Policy Manual to reflect this change made by Councilmember Hidritch, died for lack of second motion.

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 8:56 p.m. on the following roll call vote; Wessels-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Pettet-aye, Skornia-aye, Obermark-aye, Patke-aye.

The regular session reconvened at 9:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn made at 9:54 p.m. by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Holtmeier passed without dissent.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President of City Council

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor of Washington, Missouri