

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
APRIL 4, 2022**

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on April 4 2022, at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Mayor Sandy Lucy opened the meeting with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

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| Mayor: | Sandy Lucy | Present |
| Council Members: Ward I | Steve Sullentrup | Present |
| | Duane Reed | 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 |

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| Also Present: | City Attorney | Mark Piontek |
| | City Administrator | Darren Lamb |
| | City Clerk | Sherri Klekamp |
| | Human Resources Manager | Shauna Pfitzinger |
| | Communications Director | Lisa Moffitt |
| | Public Works Director | John Nilges |
| | Parks Director | Wayne Dunker |
| | Finance Director | Mary Sprung |
| | Public Works Superintendent | Kevin Quaethem |
| | Police Chief | Ed Menefee |
| | Emergency Management Director | Mark Skornia |

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 21, 2022 Council Meeting

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

Approval and Adjustment of Agenda including Consent Agenda:

* Collector's Report Summary – October 2021

* Investment Report Summary – October 2021

- * Stormwater Improvement Fund – Funding Reallocation
- * Change Order #1 & Final Payment Request – 2022 Snap-Tite Culvert Lining Project
- * Table Item A

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

PRIORITY ITEMS:

- * Patriotic Service Awards

Mayor Sandy Lucy and Police Chief Ed Menefee presented Captain Jim Armstrong, Police Officer Paul Pfeiffer, Police Officer Ben Juergens, Police Officer Charles Scheer and Police Officer Zachary Yawitz awards from the Missouri National Guard with an award letter from Governor Parsons and one from the Major General Missouri National Guard, the Adjutant General. A medal, medallion and certificate were included for recognition of each officer’s service and sacrifice. Police Chief Ed Menefee also recognized Detective Sergeant Steve Sitzes, Detective Michael Wissbaum and Police Officer Cody Boone for serving in the United States Military.

- * Mayor’s Unit Citation Award

Mayor Sandy Lucy presented the Mayor’s Unit Citation Award to the Washington Police Department Detective Division: Lieutenant Darryl Balleydier, Detective Sergeant Steve Sitzes, Detective Michael Wissbaum, Detective Betsey Schulze and Detective Eric Dobelmann.

Mayor’s Presentations, Appointments & Re-Appointments:

- * Arbor Day Proclamation

Arbor Day

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday called Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, The Tree City USA program sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation provides direction, technical assistance, public attention and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 93 million Americans call home; and

WHEREAS, The City of Washington has been a “Tree City for the past 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, Trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, Trees wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Sandy Lucy, Mayor of the City of Washington do hereby proclaim April 23, 2022 as Arbor Day in the City of Washington and urge all our citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our City's Urban Forestry Program by planting trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of present and future generations.

Sandy Lucy

Mayor of Washington, Missouri

* National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation

National Public Safety

Telecommunicators Week

April 10-16, 2022

Whereas, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

Whereas, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

Whereas, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Washington Communications Center; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services and are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the City of Washington have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

Whereas, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

Now Therefore, I, Sandy Lucy, Mayor of the City of Washington, Missouri, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2022, as Telecommunicators Week in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Washington, Missouri this 4th day of April, 2022.

Sandy Lucy

Mayor of Washington, Missouri

*Communications Director Lisa Moffitt introduced Jennifer Brune as the new Communications Director effective May 3, 2022.

* POW-MIA City Proclamation

POW-MIA CITYSM Recognition

WHEREAS, the City of Washington in the state of Missouri remains resolute that no American Serviceman or Servicewoman who can be recovered shall be knowingly left behind on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington holds with highest regards the sacrifices made by all American Prisoners of War (POWs) who surrendered their freedom and endured great hardships in the defense of American Liberties and Values; and

WHEREAS, on the date of this printing the number of American Missing in Action (MIAs) from all U.S. Wars stands at 81,674; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Washington hold dear the sacrifice of all American Servicemen and Women who have given their lives with specific attention by this Proclamation to those whose whereabouts still remain unknown; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington recognizes the POW-MIA Flag designed by Newt Heisley in 1972 as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing, and unaccounted for from all U.S. Wars, thus ending the uncertainty for their Families and the Nation by finally providing closure; and

WHEREAS, the homes and businesses of the City of Washington are encouraged to display the POW-MIA Flag when practical and appropriate in conjunction with the flag of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Washington with somber appreciation extend their gratitude to all POW/MIA Family Members who continue to carry the burden of their personal loss and offer encouragements that the fate and location of their missing loved-ones will be made known again.

NOW, THEREFORE, by majority consent the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum Board of Directors does hereby proclaim the City of Washington as a "POW-MIA CitySM" and encourages the citizens of the City of Washington to continue showing their appreciation for the sacrifices made by our Nation's POWs, and MIAs, along with their Families in the defense of American liberties and values.

In whitness whereof, this 17th day of September, 2021.

Paul Dillon, President

JEFFERSON BARRACKS POW-MIA MUSEUM

** Planning & Zoning Commission Reappointments*

March 24, 2021

To the City Council

City of Washington

Washington, Missouri

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following for reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission:

Carolyn Witt – term ending April 2026

Mark Kluesner – term ending April 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

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

* Police Department Appointment

March 28, 2022

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>Calvin A. Broz</i> | <i>April 04, 2022</i> | <i>October 04, 2022</i> |

Police Officer

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

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

* Police Department Reappointments

March 30, 2022

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>Melinda Schmelz</i> | <i>April 08, 2022</i> | <i>April 08, 2023</i> |
| <i>Cody Boone</i> | <i>April 17, 2022</i> | <i>April 17, 2023</i> |

Police Officer

Police Officer

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

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

* Treasurer/Collector, Deputy Treasurer/Assessor Reappointments

March 24, 2022

City Council

City of Washington

Washington, Missouri

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following names for reappointment:

Mary Sprung – Treasurer/Collector – term ending April 2023

Darren Lamb – Deputy Treasurer/Assessor – term ending April 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

A motion to accept and approve the reappointments made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch with Councilmember Patke voting nay. Passed with a vote of 7 to 1.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

* None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

* None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 22-12555, Ordinance No. 22-13511, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Dispatching Services Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the City of Berger, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

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

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

* 2022 Aquatic Complex Promotions

April 4, 2022

Honorable Mayor and City Council

City of Washington

405 Jefferson Street

Washington, MO 63090

RE: 2022 Aquatic Complex Promotions – Update

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

After discussing aquatic complex promotions at the last couple Parks and Recreation Commission meetings, the Commission recommended offering a discount on the 20-visit card. The cards are normally \$100 for 20 visits. From now until May 31, the cards will be available for a discounted rate of \$85. An unlimited number of visit cards can be purchased at the discounted rate. One June 1, the visit cards will return to the regular price of \$100 (for 20 visits) for the remainder of the 2022 pool season. Unused visits on the cards will be valid for the 2022 and 2023 pool seasons only. The 10-visit card will remain at \$50 for the entire pool season and unused visits will also be valid for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

As always, if you have any questions or would like additional information, please see me before the Council meeting.

Respectfully,

Wayne Dunker MA, CPRP

Director of Parks & Recreation

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

* Downtown Washington Street Improvement Plan

Public Works Director John Nilges discussed the 2022-2025 Downtown Washington Street Improvement Plan and last week's watermain break and gas leak.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

TABLED – an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with H3 Studio and the City of Washington, Missouri.

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

Bill No. 22-12556, Ordinance No. 22-13512, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an STP-Urban Program Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the High Street Reconstruction and ADA Improvements Project STP-4940(608).

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Wessels-aye, Skornia-aye, Pettet-aye, Reed-aye.

Bill No. 22-12557, Ordinance No. 22-13513, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Washington, Missouri to accept the Proposal with Wunderlich Surveying and Engineering, Inc. for Engineering Design Services for the High Street Extension Project and amend the 2022 Budget.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

Public Works Director John Nilges stated MoDOT will be reprogramming the traffic signals along Highway 100 to help with traffic. With no further discussion on the ordinance, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Wessels-aye, Skornia-aye, Pettet-aye, Reed-aye.

Bill No. 22-12558, Ordinance No. 22-13514, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Washington, Missouri to accept the Proposal with K.J. Unnerstall Construction Co. for the 2022 Lions Lake Walking Path Improvements Project and amend the 2022 Budget.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

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

Bill No. 22-12559, Ordinance No. 22-13515, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of Roles and Responsibilities for Signing Installed and Maintained by Applicant by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Wessels-aye, Skornia-aye, Pettet-aye, Reed-aye.

Bill No. 22-12560, Ordinance No. 22-13516, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Lease Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Washington Soccer Association D/B/A Washington Soccer Academy.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

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

Bill No. 22-12561, Ordinance No. 22-13517, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Washington, Missouri to enter into a Sales Contract between Lou Fusz Ford, Inc. for the purchase of Two (2) 2022 Ford Police Interceptor SUV's and One (1) 2021 Ford F-150 Police Responder Truck.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Wessels-aye, Skornia-aye, Pettet-aye, Reed-aye.

Bill No. 22-12562, Ordinance No. 22-13518, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Washington, Missouri to enter into a Sales Contract between VIP Public Safety for the Purchase, Outfitting and Upgrading of Equipment for Two (2) 2022 Ford Police Interceptor SUV's and One (1) 2021 Ford F-150 Police Responder Truck.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Wessels-aye, Skornia-aye, Pettet-aye, Reed-aye.

Bill No. 22-12563, Ordinance No. 22-13519, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Washington, Missouri to accept the Sales Contract from Cochran Engineering for Professional Design Services for the Southpoint Ground Water Storage Tank.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Hidritch.

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

Bill No. 22-12564, Ordinance No. 22-13520, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri, Robert E. Hoelscher and Jeanne L. Hoelscher, Trustees under the Robert E. Hoelscher and Jeanne L. Hoelscher Joint Revocable Trust Agreement dated December 8, 2014.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

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

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

- * None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- * Thank you to City staff for working so diligently and professionally in handling last week's watermain break and gas leak.
- * Tomorrow is Election Day.
- * Enjoyed serving with all of you, it's been a great ride. Thank you for continuing to serve our community.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- * Received two RFQ's for the design and inspection of a new Library HVAC System. A committee will be formed to review qualifications.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- * Discussion on Rabbit Trail and Highway 100.
- * Discussion on bumpouts at Lexington Lane.
- * Councilmember Hidritch wished the candidates for the April 5, 2022 Election good luck and reminded them to remove their signs the day after.
- * Councilmember Holtmeier thanked Mayor Sandy Lucy for her years of service.

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 8:53 p.m. on the following roll call vote; Patke-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Wessels-aye, Skornia-aye, Pettet-aye, Reed-aye.

The regular session reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn made at 9:10 p.m. by Councilmember Wessels, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch passed without dissent.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President of City Council

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor of Washington, Missouri