

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Mayor Doug Hagedorn opened the meeting with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor:	Doug Hagedorn	Present
Council Members: Ward I	Al Behr	Present
	Duane Reed	Present
Ward II	Mark Hidritch	Absent
	Mark Wessels	Present
Ward III	Chad Briggs	Present
	Jeff Patke	Present
Ward IV	Mike Coulter	Absent
	Joe Holtmeier	Present

Also Present:	City Attorney	Mark Piontek
	City Administrator	Darren Lamb
	City Clerk	Sherri Klekamp
	Police Chief	Jim Armstrong
	Public Works Director	John Nilges
	Economic Development Director	Sal Maniaci
	Parks Director	Wayne Dunker
	Human Resources Manager	Shauna Pfitzinger
	Communications Director	Jennifer Brune
	Emergency Management Director	Mark Skornia
	Fire Chief	Tim Frankenberg
	Finance Director	Mary Sprung

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 20, 2023, Council Meeting

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

Approval and Adjustment of Agenda including Consent Agenda:

* Aldi Inc #05 – Liquor License Approval

* Final Payment Request – Dog Park Mini Shelters

* Final Payment Request – Rabbit Trail Analysis & CMAQ Application

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

PRIORITY ITEMS:

Mayor's Presentations, Appointments & Reappointments:

* Recognition of Sarah Hotsenpiller and Emily Sanderson for Emergency Medical Dispatcher

Mayor Hagedorn recognized Sarah Hotsenpiller and Emily Sanderson for receiving the Emergency Medical Dispatcher Certification from International Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch.

* Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

National Public Safety

Telecommunicators Week

April 9-15, 2023

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, James D. Hagedorn, Mayor of the City of Washington, Missouri, do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2023, 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 3rd day of April 2023.

James D. Hagedorn

Mayor

* Police Department Reappointments

March 24, 2023

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>DATE EFFECTIVE</i>	<i>DATE EXPIRES</i>
<i>Melinda Schmelz Police Officer</i>	<i>April 8, 2023</i>	<i>April 8, 2024</i>
<i>Cody Boone Police Officer</i>	<i>April 17, 2023</i>	<i>April 17, 2024</i>

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Hagedorn

Mayor

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

* Treasurer/Collector, Deputy Treasurer/Assessor Reappointments

March 23, 2023

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 2024

Darren Lamb – Deputy Treasurer/Assessor – term ending April 2024

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Hagedorn

Mayor

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

* None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

* None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* None

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

- * Finance Director Mary Sprung informed Council that the City received the Distinguished Budget and Certificate of Achievement Awards through the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
- * Public Works Director John Nilges discussed the letter of support for Flood Plain Management Systems (FPMS) funding to pursue hydraulic modeling to assess the flooding problem.

March 23, 2023

Ms. Erin Reinkemeyer

Floodplain Management Services Coordinator

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Kansas City District

601 E. 12th Street

Kansas City, MO 64106

Re: Request for Assistance, Flood Plain Management Systems (FPMS)

The City of Washington would like to respectfully submit this letter of support for FPMS funding to pursue hydraulic modeling to assess the flooding problem and a potential levee located approximately at mile marker 68 on the north side of the Missouri River. The area in question is prone to flooding with significant impact to Washington, Missouri and the surrounding area. Some of the potential benefits to removing this area from the floodplain and into a protected area include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Protection of Highway 47. In 2019, the City, MODOT, and the Federal Government completed construction on a \$63 Million bridge over the Missouri River. During periods of high-water access to the bridge is cut off. Many businesses utilizing the bridge must close from lack of employees having access to work and from goods and services not being able to utilize Highway 47. The closest detour would be to access the Herman, MO Bridge adding 60 miles and an hour of drive time. A levee system would protect Highway 47 and the recent investment of new bridge infrastructure keeping access open during high-water.*
- 2. Continuous Operation of the Washington School District. The Washington School District, the third largest district in the state in relation to physical size, also covers areas on both sides of the river, causing the schools to close during flooding events. A levee system would protect Highway 47 and the recent investment of new bridge infrastructure keeping access open during high-water.*
- 3. Protection of the Washington Regional Airport. The City of Washington owns and operates the municipal airport (FYG) just north of the Missouri River at 12958 Highway 47. The airport consists of a terminal, 44 hangars, and 5,000 ft runway. The City was recently awarded \$3 million from the Federal Omnibus Bill to increase the runway length and width and allow for increase business use for the region. A levee could not only protect the existing infrastructure but the soon to be additional federal investments as well.*
- 4. Provide Access from Washington to the Katy Trail. The nation's longest continuous recreational rail trail, The Katy Trail, runs adjacent to the airport property. Being*

the largest City in Franklin County, Washington has much to offer the riders along the Katy Trail. Washington also has a large existing trail network that could benefit by connecting directly to the Katy Trail. A trail was added to the new bridge in 2019, but ends with the bridge infrastructure. A trail could be placed on top of the levee connecting the City to the Missouri State Park system with access to the Katy Trail. Furthermore, the State has announced funding for development of the Rock Island Trail south of the Missouri River. The connection, via the Hwy 47 bridge, is the obvious point to link the two trail systems together.

- 5. Protecting Farmland and Leveraging Additional Development. The development of a levee could bring approximately 2200 acres out of the floodplain protecting existing farmland and open land up for development. The City owns 500 acres that could have protected runway access for industrial development. The remaining privately owned land would be protected farmland and valued much higher should the owners decide to develop.*

It should be noted that at one point a causeway was proposed to connect Highway 47 to Highway 94. This solution was estimated in 2017 to cost upwards of \$70 million and would keep the bridge open during high-water and provide trail access. This solution, however, would not protect the Washington Regional Airport or the 2,200 acres still in the floodplain. We feel an investment of that size should leverage additional development, and a levee meets that goal while potentially investing less money. An exhibit of this proposal is attached.

The City of Washington, Missouri fully supports a proposal from FPMS funding to pursue hydraulic modeling to assess the flooding problem. Please contact Darren Lamb with any questions regarding the above at 636-390-1000 or at dlamb@washmo.gov.

Sincerely,

Darren Lamb

City Administrator

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

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 23-12774, Ordinance No. 23-13738, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Agreement to Sell and Purchase Real Estate by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Northern Star Homes, LLC.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

Bill No. 23-12775, Ordinance No. 23-13739, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Order of Services Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Paycor HCM, Inc for Payroll, Timekeeping and HRIS Software and Hardware.

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, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

Bill No. 23-12776, Ordinance No. 23-13740, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Washington Missouri Redevelopment Corporation.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Behr.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

Bill No. 23-12777, Ordinance No. 23-13741, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed of Release by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Washington Missouri Redevelopment Corporation.

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, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

Bill No. 23-12778, Ordinance No. 23-13742, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Temporary Site License Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

Bill No. 23-12779, Ordinance No. 23-13743, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Fairgrounds Operating Agreement by and between the City of Washington and the Washington Chamber of Commerce, a/k/a Washington Area Chamber of Commerce, d/b/a Washington Town & Country Fair.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Behr.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

Bill No. 23-12780, Ordinance No. 23-13744, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a First Amendment to City-Contractor Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Modern Pool Management Corporation d/b/a Midwest Pool Management of America.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

Bill No. 23-12781, Ordinance No. 23-13745, an ordinance repealing Section 71.285 of the Code of the City of Washington, Missouri and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 71.285.
The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

Bill No. 23-12782, Ordinance No. 23-13746, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Service Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Idemia Identity and Security USA LLC for a Livescan Fingerprint System.

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, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

- * None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- * Tomorrow is Election Day.
- * The Benefit Breakfast for Officer Adam Sullentrup was Washington at its finest. Thank you to everyone involved.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- * This is Public Works Director John Nilges's last Council meeting. Thank you, John, for all that you have done for the City.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- * Councilmember Patke stated he appreciated working with Public Works Director John Nilges.

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 7:34 p.m. on the following roll call vote; Patke-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Behr-aye, Wessels-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Hidritch-absent, Coulter-absent.

The regular session reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn made at 8:24 p.m. by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Wessels passed without dissent.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President of City Council

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor of Washington, Missouri