



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
March 4, 2021 1 P.M.
VIA ZOOM**



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

City Council

*Joe Manning, Councilman
Ken Westcott, Councilman
Matt Staniszewski, MBA, EDFP, Councilman
Joe Pintola, Councilman*

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski	- ABSENT
Councilman Joe Pintola	- PRESENT
Councilman Ken Westcott	- PRESENT
Councilman Joe Manning	- PRESENT
Mayor Scott Putnam	- PRESENT

SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest PRESENT

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to accept the February 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Individuals or group representatives who have signed in prior to the meeting, will have 5 minutes of microphone time to address Council during the public participation portion of the meeting. We prefer if there is a group, a representative be chosen to speak. Audience comments will not be permitted following the public participation portion of the meeting; therefore, we ask that you please review the agenda for any item(s) you may wish to discuss. We have, in the past, had individual’s direct comments to Mayor and Council that were not correct or could not be documented. For that reason, we ask that your information be to the point and factual. Although we may not be able to answer your question at this meeting, we will refer your request or recommendation to the proper department for any necessary action.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Today’s Agenda was placed on the City Website and Facebook Page and public comment was available by emailing or calling the City Clerk.

Matthew Karlowksy- Lodge 95 FOP President: Stated that he is looking forward to working with Council as the Lodge 95 FOP President. Inquired about an item on the agenda regarding a union employee.

Steve Maze- 610 Addison Street: Stated that trash in the West End is everywhere. That residents are putting out their trash days and even a week prior to trash pickup. That it then gets strewn all over the street, sidewalks, and yards. Stated he must go around every day picking up trash and that he has neighbors coming to him asking him to get something done about it.

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam stated that he and Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Donatelli talked today and that Code Enforcement will continue sending letters to residents regarding the ordinance stipulating the proper time to put out trash and they plan on having a Citywide Clean Up on April 24, 2021. They will order a dumpster to be placed by the 8th Ward Playground. The City Clerk was asked to investigate having PennDot donate trash bags, vests and gloves.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments:

- a. Dodaro Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$1,276.00 for Invoice 10327.
CHARGE: 01.13/404-310
- b. WEWJA in the amount of \$3,250.00 for Invoice #15221. **CHARGE:** 01-34-413-240
- c. Campbell Durrant, P.C. in the amount of \$2,318.98 for Invoice 70515.
CHARGE: 01.13/404-310
- d. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$2,448.64. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- e. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$21,536.72 for Invoice #4371.
CHARGE: 01-34-413-240

- f. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$2,655.32 for Invoice #4313.
CHARGE: 01-34-413-240
- g. Ron's Garage Inc., in the amount of \$10,648.28 for Repair Work on Ladder Truck. **CHARGE:** 33.00/411-370
- h. Hunter Truck Sales in the amount of \$144,823.00 **CHARGE:** 77.00/430-700
- i. First Security Finance in the amount of \$14,229.94 for 1st Qtr 2021 Guaranteed Energy Savings. **CHARGE:** 77.00/409-700
- j. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$4,246.92 for American Legion Survey.
CHARGE: 53.00/436-313
- k. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$3,080.13 for American Legion Permitting.
CHARGE: 53.00/436-313
- l. Slurarczk Excavation LLC in the amount of \$1,935.00 for W. Prospect Inlet Project. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682
- m. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$2,408.75 for American Legion Extra Survey.
CHARGE: 53.00/436-682
- n. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$693.35 for MS4 Year One Compliance.
CHARGE: 53.00/436-682
- o. McKean Plumbing in the amount of \$5,995.00 for Park Office Furnace.
CHARGE: 77.00/454-700
- p. Schultz Electric in the amount of \$2,353.86 for Public Works Emergency Lighting. **CHARGE:** 77.00/430-700
- q. George R. Smalley Co. Inc in the amount of \$11,385.00 for Main Pavilion Electric. **CHARGE:** 85.00/454-700
- r. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$2,025.00 for Legion Extra Survey. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- s. Stephenson Equipment in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Invoice 18038394.
CHARGE: 01-42/430-370
- t. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$3,070.00. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following transfer:

- a. \$50,000.00 from the General Fund Reserve Checking Account (46.00/492-900) to the Liquid Fuels Checking Account (03.00/392-900)

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to pay Washington County Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$8,782.10 for the city's contribution to the fire truck purchase being paid thru WCRA funds. **CHARGE:** 77.00/411-700

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington designating the Authority as the subgrantee of the Washington Community Pavilion Project No. LS 20-09 (LSA) for the grant amount of \$150,615.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept and approve the resignation of Lieutenant David H. Bradley, effective February 12, 2021, pay all monies due, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

RESOLUTION:

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution # 1 of 2021** to apply for financial assistance under PEMA Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, assigning Mayor Scott Putnam as Designation Agent.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution #2 of 2021** to recommend to the Washington County Commissioners the re-appointment of Mayor Scott J. Putnam as one of the City Representatives on the Washington County Transportation Authority Board, for a five-year term ending 2026.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution #3 of 2021** to rename the Washington Park Main Pavilion the Rotary Community Pavilion.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski – NOT PRESENT

Councilman Joe Pintola- “The Fire Department did a great job with the fire this week.” In reference to the fire on Ewing Street.

Councilman Ken Westcott –

“Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to grant the West Walnut Street Improvement Project Bid to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$136,617.30.”

Councilman Westcott stated that the Street Department used more salt for streets this year than they have in the past three winters.

Councilman Joe Manning – Stated that he provided a Credit Rating Report to Mayor and Council. The City received a BBB+ Rating and remained stable. The City met all contractual responsibilities and obligations. Going forward there is concern for the future and Council has work to do as there has been a population decrease in the City and due to the pandemic. He thanked the Fire Department for the great job and their hard work at the Ewing Street Fire this past week.

Mayor Scott Putnam – Stated training for a Police Oversight Board would entail members taking a 15-week course in Pittsburgh to qualify to become a member. The City will be sending out information to gauge if there is enough interest for community members to become involved in the process. He stated the City does not have the money budgeted to finance the Oversight Board. They are currently researching how to financially support a board.

The Mayor stated that the Jefferson Avenue Project is behind schedule due to other utility projects going on around Wylie Avenue. He advised that PennDot informed the City that they were going to talk with their contractors to have them take care of potholes in the areas of concern.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment

The Winter Farmer’s Market is this weekend, March 6th and again on April 3, 2021 from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. at the Community Pavilion on South Main Street.

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday April 1, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. via Zoom. The April Agenda Meeting has been canceled.

City Hall is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19.