



**CITY OF WASHINGTON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 4, 2024 6:00 P.M.**



*JoJo Burgess, Mayor*

*City Council  
Ken Westcott, Councilman  
Joe Pintola, Councilman  
Andrew Callan, Councilman  
Joseph DeThomas, Councilman*

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas	Present
Councilman Andrew Callan	Absent
Councilman Joe Pintola	Present
Councilman Ken Westcott	Present
Mayor JoJo Burgess	Present
Solicitor: Jack Cambest	Present

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** For Rick Herrnberger who was hurt in a serious ATV Accident on Sunday, March 31, 2024

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**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 individuals' 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:**

**John Rosa- 56 West Prospect Avenue:** Asked about the Prospect Avenue Storm Water Project and when the City would have the money to complete the project. Said that he had flooding again this week in the basement and that the City Fire Department helped him with getting the water removed.

**Angelo Musto= 154 Springfield Avenue:** Concerned that the Zoning Board may permit a boarding house to be opened at 149 Springfield Avenue.

**Fern Sibert Addison Avenue:** Reminder that Spring Clean Up for her organization is Saturday April 20, 2024. Asked that Council and Citizens all pitch in. Stated that Saturday they will cleaning lids at the Holy Trinity Church on Hewitt Avenue.

**Dorothy Zollars 130 McGiffin Avenue:** Mentioned there was a landslide on Elm Street today and she is concerned with the new development going up on Murdoch/Elm about who is responsible to make sure the water run off doesn't cause damage to her property and other properties near it.

**COMMENT:** City Administrator, Donn Henderson, advised that the developer has to meet DEP and the Conservation District Requirements for this project.

Public Comment Closed

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes from the March 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (A.-T.) in the amount of \$265,243.83.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following transfers: (A.-B.) in the amount of \$12,231.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 TWIST Softball Lease Agreement.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Washington Youth Baseball Lease Agreement.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Tournaments Inc. Lease Agreement.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following address change for Skid Rid Holdings at 370 West Chestnut Street:

- a. 370 West Chestnut Street Suite 100
- b. 370 West Chestnut Street Suite 200

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the lot consolidation at 605 Ewing Street.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to authorize the Civil Service Board to conduct promotional testing for the Fire Department rank of Engineer.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to authorize the Fire Department purchase of replacement turnout gear storage lockers, Decontamination sinks and fitness equipment using the awarded PA OSFC grant funding. (Not to exceed \$16,951.99.)

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to place W.D. Police Department on non-work-related accident and sickness disability effective 4-13-24.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve \$82,750.00 in matching funds for the DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program, Stone Pavilion Flooring Rehabilitation.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve a local match in the amount of \$100,000 for the Multi-Purpose Community Facility Grant through the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve payment for 250 hours of compensatory time to Deputy Treasurer, Deanna Coughenour.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve purchase of a new server and installation for Edmunds Financial System in the amount of \$4,400.00. **CHARGE:** 01.23/407-457

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 8 of 2024 TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON THE 2013 SPARTAN PUMPER.**

**Motion** made by Councilman to approve **RESOLUTION 9 of 2024 TO APPROVE THE PENNDOT “APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS” FOR THE OUT OF THE DARKNESS SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR 9-28-2024.**

## **DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:**

**Councilman Joseph DeThomas** –Gave a shout out to the Police Department and Street Department for quickly resolving the mudslide on Elm Street after heavy rain. Thanked the fire department for all their hard work pumping out more than 28 basements in the past 2 days.

**Councilman Andrew Callan**- ABSENT

**Councilman Joe Pintola** – No Comment

**Councilman Ken Westcott** – No Comment

**Mayor JoJo Burgess**- Talked about the upcoming Job Fair for Veterans

**Solicitor Jack Cambest** – No Comment

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 2, 2024, in Council Chambers and the next Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:
  - Tuesday, April 9th at Noon, Pretzels Plus with An Amish Touch (189 S. Main St.)
  - Thursday, April 10th at 2 P.M. The Cutting Board (101 N. Main St.)
  - Friday, April 11th at Noon, Baitfish (35 W. Chestnut St.)
- Clean & Tidy Clean Up Day at the Washington Park and Playgrounds Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 8 A.M. until 10 A.M.
- The City Police Department is partnering with the Washington County Sheriffs and Washington County Drug and Alcohol for National Drug Take Back Day. Drop Off Location will be held at the Washington Community Pavilion on South Main Street on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.
- Kite Day at Washington Park Stone Pavilion will be Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 12:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.
- Running of the Wools will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024.
- Community Blessing Service will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024.
- The Whiskey Rebellion Festival at the Community Pavilion will be held on July 13, 2024.
- First Friday at the Community Pavilion with Pony League is August 2, 2024.
- Back to School Bash with W&J will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.