

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
June 6, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

United Bank	General Fund	\$ 350,895.31
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	82,100.00
United Bank	Powell Bill Checking	20,748.72
United Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	65,362.55
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	76,320.24
United Bank	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	<u>68,287.63</u>
Total		\$ 663,717.45

Present

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Belinda Cowell, Commissioner
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Wade Dale, Commissioner

Absent

Thomas Richter, Mayor
Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Mayor pro tem Peacock called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Dale made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock introduced Todd Askew, new Public Works Supervisor, to the Board members. Mr. Askew thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for Washington Park. Mayor pro tem Peacock thanked Mr. Askew for his presence and good work so far.

Commissioner Cowell made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into a Public Hearing for the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

As there was no public present, Commissioner Cowell made a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adopt the Budget as presented for the fiscal year 2022-23 and set the tax rate at 29 cents per \$100 of valuation. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

There was no public input.

The financial report and the minutes were approved upon motion by Commissioner Bowen. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. Passed by all.

Commissioner Dale made a motion to approve the 3% cost-of-living increase which is included in the FY 2022-23 budget for employees. This increase will go into effect on July 4, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. Passed by all.

Old Business

320 Isabella Avenue: Clerk Dale reported the owner of the property did not appear for the hearing with the Building Inspector on May 16, 2022. Therefore, Clerk Dale and Mike Weldin, City of Washington Building Inspector, met with Brad Horton, general contractor, who will provide an estimate needed for the minimum housing requirements for the property. In order for Mr. Horton to give a complete estimate, he will need to be able to have access to the house. This will require an Administrative Search Warrant which is provided by a magistrate. The Town Attorney and the Washington Building Inspector and Mr. Horton will coordinate the date and time with the clerk.

North side of Isabella Ave East end: no report.

Eastern Washington Park town boundary: Commissioner Bowen reported that the Town Attorney had finished her title opinion and that Line 2 in the Sorrell survey should be the accurate Washington Park property line. Discussion followed. Commissioner Dale made a motion to have Commissioner Bowen share information from the Washington Park Town Attorney's memo with the River City Christian Church personnel as well as the Sorrell survey. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. Passed by all.

Replacement dump truck: All trucks that Mayor pro tem Peacock and the clerk have seen are very expensive and high mileage. The search will be suspended for the near future.

Parking vehicles in the Town's rights-of-way: No report from the Planning Board yet.

Washington Park Land Use Plan: No report from the Planning Board yet.

New Business

It was reported by the clerk that the Sentry Hardware Store property was purchased by Windley Commercial Properties.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the certified playground mulch had been delivered and was being spread around the playground. He reported that a new toddler swing had been ordered and was in place; and that there will be a STEPS 5K Fun Run through Washington Park on June 11, 2022. Several people have inquired about using the waterfront for events, but none have signed up yet.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – no report.

Commissioner Cowell – no report.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that she had spoken with Mayor Richter and that he would like to have Mayor pro tem Peacock and Commissioner Cowell go with him to talk to the resident who cut down the Washington Park tree. The clerk also reported that the Town had received \$2920.16 in ad valorem taxes this month; that the Town had received \$11,550.78 in local option sales tax; and that \$1550.80 had been received for the Alcoholic Beverage tax. She reported that the City of Washington had sent bills for gas and diesel fuel for the months of December through April for a total of \$2027.69; that the mulch for the playground was \$1585.62 and \$175 for a new playground swing. She reported that one yard sale permit and one tennis key had been sold this month, and that a new vacuum cleaner had been purchased for the Municipal Building. Clerk Dale also reported that she was still in the process of fixing the reporting for the ARP funds with the Treasury Department.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park