

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY – JULY 9, 2018
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM - 380 N. WILMOR ROAD
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 9, 2018 to order at 6:42 p.m. in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington.

Present: Aldermen Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, and Moss.

Absent: Alderman Brucks.

Also present: City Administrator Culotta, Controller Baxter, Public Works Director Andrews, Public Works Manager Schone, P & D Director Oliphant, Police Chief McCoy, City Treasurer Dingledine, and City Clerk Brown.

MINUTES

1. Aldermen wishing to be heard on non-agenda item – None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – Dennis Hermann provided a Chamber of Commerce update noting the following: 1) Good Neighbor Days Festival was a pretty good event this year with no problems experienced with the overall financials still being wrapped up. He thanked the City's Public Works and Police Department for all their help with the event; 2) the month's Business After Hours is scheduled tomorrow from 5-7 p.m. at Countryside Banquet Facility; 3) Summer Small Business Saturday will be held on July 21st; 4) working with City and Park District on the 5-Year Tornado Recovery Parade; and 5) two ribbon cuttings this month, On the Table located in Washington Plaza and Aldi for their expansion project. Mayor Manier thanked Dennis for the update and shared that a ribbon cutting will also take place tomorrow evening at Countryside for their new tent and landscaping and reminded everyone of Washington Night at the Chiefs scheduled for July 27th.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018 regular Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - A. Greater Peoria EDC Presentation – Mr. Chris Setti, Chief Executive Officer of Greater Peoria Economic Develop Council (GPEDC), provided an overview of the services that GPEDC provides to our region which includes Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Logan, and Mason counties, focusing on the opportunities that regionalism provides in the areas of business and workforce development. He shared that Washington plays a big part in the overall region and his working relationship with P & D Director Jon Oliphant has provided great detailed information about Washington as they promote potential business/manufacturing sites in the community. He shared a recent site selection project they are working on (Neptune) which is a fresh dough making manufacturer that is looking for 20 acres in IL and they have been promoting the City's Freedom Parkway area for site consideration. He noted they are also working with City on what federal funding might be available as well. He shared that they are also working with schools on curriculum that would ready a workforce for what businesses are looking for, noting that student internships serve as a valuable tool in this process as well. He shared that Washington offers a great lifestyle, the Five Points facility is a great asset, and they use Washington as a leader in the region. He thanked the Committee for allowing him to speak and asked for questions. Alderman Gee asked if other community sites were used in the Neptune project and Mr. Setti shared that Pekin's Riverway Business Park was another site location they used. Mayor Manier thanked Mr. Setti for the presentation.

- B. F250 Vehicle Replacement – Public Works Manager Schone provided the following: 1) through the City's MERF the 2008 Ford F-250 2WD is scheduled for replacement in this FY at a budgeted amount of \$23,500; 2) the CMS statewide bid supplier is Landmark Ford of Springfield, IL; 3) a bid was also solicited from Uftring which included consideration of a trade-in allowance; 4) pricing and trade-in allowance to upgrade this truck to a 4WD was reviewed as well so it could be used as backup to the 2016 F-250 4WD used to plow City owned parking lots and alleys; and 5) Uftring provided the low bid at \$21,351 which allowed for a \$4,750 trade-in allowance. Alderman Brownfield commented that Public Works Committee is in agreement with the purchase from Uftring. It was the consensus of the Committee to move this item forward to Council for consideration.
- C. STP No. 2 Drying Beds Concrete Work – Public Works Manager Schone provided the following: 1) \$50K is budgeted for converting the hand raked drying beds to drive-in type beds and \$25K is budgeted for completing the road around the drying beds and sludge pads; 2) three contractors were contacted for quotes for this work; 3) three quotes were received with Lonewolf bidding low at \$87,855; and 4) the bid is greater than the amount budgeted, however there are sufficient funds within the wastewater budget to cover this expense. He shared that the condition of the drying beds and roads is bad and that new sand and sludge pads will reduce sand being wasted as well as helping to prevent sludge runoff and complying with the stormwater pollution prevention plan. It was the consensus of Committee to move this forward to Council for consideration.
- D. 2018 YTD Development Activity Report – Planning & Development Director Oliphant provided the following: 1) residential development is slow at 10 new construction permits compared to 13 this time last year; 2) the combined construction value is \$3.039M at an average cost per home of \$304K; 3) four additional tornado rebuilds brings to total to 507 tornado rebuilds overall with a total of 931 tornado-related permits since the tornado; 4) new construction throughout the region has been impacted with the uncertainty of CAT as well as a surplus of existing homes; 5) we are seeing a steady influx of accessory structures and building additions; 6) retail and industrial development is up with 7 permits issued compared to 5 this time last year, noting that 2 of the 7 permits are results of the Uftring fire and IVP roof collapse; and 7) the combined construction value is \$10.379M.
- E. Police Department Motorcycle Leasing Update – Police Chief McCoy shared that after consulting with Public Safety Committee on the lease of two motorcycles, bid packets have been provided to three prospective bidders with one bid being received so far. He noted that the bid deadline is July 27th.
- F. Police Department Monthly Review – Police Chief McCoy provided the following: 1) first page of report is a comparison for the month of June in 2017 and 2018; 2) Part I Offenses are down by 28; 3) Part II Offenses are up by 58; 3) Traffic Citations are down by 47; 4) Written Warnings are down by 62; 5) property damage and personal injury accidents are both down; 6) second page of the report is a year to date comparison of 2017 and 2018; 7) Positive Community Contacts is up by 31; and 8) Other Officer Initiated Activity is up by 575. He commented that these increases in community contact and initiated activity are positive for our community.
5. Other Business – Public Works Manager Schone shared that repairs to the Square coping should begin mid-August; the rain event last Thursday reported from 5-7" of rain in areas of town resulting in a washed out roadway, water main break, and gas main break in Westlake Subdivision along Lakeshore Drive; and STP No. 2 has a bit of cleanup as a result of the tracks being washed out during the rain event. Mayor Manier shared about the debris at the Washington Estates bridge and Schone shared he has taken a look and they will most likely rent a mini excavator to get to the debris. Mayor Manier asked that they take a look at the corner of Gillman and Elgin for debris as well.
6. At 7:18 p.m. Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Adams seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk