

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MONDAY – JANUARY 14, 2019  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM - 380 N. WILMOR ROAD  
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 14, 2019 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington.

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

Absent: None.

Also present: Controller Baxter, Public Works Director Andrews, Public Works Manager Schone, P & D Director Oliphant, Police Chief McCoy, Deputy Police Chief Stevens, 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 – None.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 regular Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Water Treatment Plant #1 – VFD(s) Control(s) Project – Public Works Manager Schone shared that in November 2018 an energy advisor from Leidos, Inc. (an Ameren contractor that manages ActOnEnergy programs) met with staff on taking advantage of energy efficiency programs and reducing electrical cost and the addition of VFD(s) and adding full ethernet connectivity and controls on Wells 6 & 8 was identified as a project. He went over the scope of work for the project as well as several items that can be added at an additional cost if requested. He provided the following quotes for the project which include the incentives from Ameren: RNS Electric would install 2 VFD(s), one at Well 6 at the cost of \$12,995 and one at Well 8 at the cost of \$14,295 for a total of \$27,290, and the total eligible incentive is \$20,096.25; and Britton Electronics would install all hardware to provide ethernet control and stats back of each drive on the Scada computer for a total of \$33,660 and the total eligible incentive is \$13,500. The total cost of the project would be \$60,950 and of the total, staff expects incentive checks in the amount of \$33,596.25 back to the City upon project completion. He added that Ameren has also now included another 15% incentive if the project is completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>. He noted there are sufficient funds within the water budget for the project and both contractors who are familiar with the Plant are able to meet the deadline. Following discussion on the benefits and the timing of the project with having to go through the bid advertisement process, it was the consensus of the Committee to move the project forward to Council for consideration with a waiving of the bidding process in order to meet the Ameren incentives deadline.
- B. Federal Roadway Grant Discussion – P & D Director Oliphant provided the following information: Urban Surface Transportation Program (STU) call for projects is anticipated in early part of 2019 through Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC); funds are typically allocated during 2-3-year cycles and the next cycle would be for projects in 2023-24; funds must be used on Federal Aid Urban routes; Washington was last awarded an STU project in 2006 for Dallas Road Phase 1, constructed in 2011; STU scoring consists of two components: 1) existing and proposed conditions, safety, and multi-modal considerations; and 2) regional significance of the project; we have

previously submitted for the construction of Freedom Parkway and Lakeshore Drive but have not received STU funds; staff estimates about \$3.5M to construct the remainder of Freedom and to stub Lakeshore further north to near the north property line of Big R; all ROW is dedicated for Freedom and water and sewer have been installed; traffic signals would likely be warranted at Walmart/Menards frontage road as well as N. Cummings Lane; for better ingress-egress for Big R and Cherry Tree a traffic signal would be installed at BR 24/Lakeshore intersection; ROW is not dedicated for Lakeshore but Big R has previously verbally consented to its donation and is a significant advocate for this project which would open more than 100 acres for development; staff recommends proceeding with an STU application for the completion of engineering and construction within the project boundaries and feels the application would rank high and also allow staff to adequately plan for the project as part of the FY19-20 budget; and there is also a strong likelihood that if the project is selected in 2019 for future STU funding, it would be able to commence much earlier due to how surplus funds are established. Alderman Brucks expressed concerns with the stubbing in of Lakeshore Drive's inclusion as part of the project submittal and the potential of it losing likelihood of success due to cost and benefit factors. Following discussion on the previous submittal in 2014, which included Lakeshore Drive making connection with Freedom Parkway, and the cost of the project not being a factor in project ranking, it was the general consensus to include both the extension of Freedom Parkway to N. Cummings Lane and the stubbing in of Lakeshore Drive to the north property line of Big R as part of the project application submittal.

- C. Transportation Plan Update – P & D Director Oliphant provided the following information: East Peoria and Washington staffs have been working with consultants Houseal Lavigne Associates and HR Green to finalize the transportation plans for the two cities; funding is entirely through a grant from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and the project is nearly complete; the plan is intended to address items related to the road network, recreation trails, mass transit and green infrastructure and also helps establish goals, policies, and possible future projects to consider as well as assisting in the pursuit of grant funding for various types of transportation projects; and staff is seeking any additional input from the Committee on the plan content prior to its adoption in early 2019. There were no additional comments from Committee and the consensus was to move this forward to Council for consideration.
- D. 2018 Year End Development Activity Summary – P & D Director Oliphant provided the following information: new residential development activity saw 17 residential single-family permits issued with a construction value of approximately \$5.12M which is down one from 2017 where 18 were issued; development activity has slowed significantly throughout the region; signs indicate that the general economy is improving but it's too early to know its impact on Washington and other communities; another 5 tornado rebuilds were part of the 2018 issued permits making a total of 508 residential rebuild permits issued and a total of 932 tornado-related permits since the tornado; only 9 single family lots remain that have not had any construction activity since the tornado; and 13 commercial/industrial permits were issued in 2018 with a construction value of \$13.03M as compared to 16 permits in 2017 with a construction value of \$2.3M.
- E. 2019 Capital Projects – Public Works Director Andrews brought forward for consideration how to best apply \$3M in General Fund surplus to next year's capital projects by recommending four (4) one-time projects for consideration as follows: 1) N. Lawndale Reconstruction – projecting a total expenditure of \$1.7M with approximately \$385K being eligible from Sewer Fund and \$168K from Water Fund; 2) W. Holland Reconstruction – projecting a total expenditure of \$500K with approximately \$75K being eligible from Sewer Fund and \$50K being eligible from Water Fund; 3) Freedom Parkway Extension/Lakeshore Drive Signal Construction – an estimated total of \$3.5M, using \$1M in General Funds and the balance of \$2.5M as PPUATS/STU Federal funds. Would not pursue construction without STU funding but having the match in the budget is good to have; and 4) Stratford Drive Bridge Construction – existing 1961 box culvert has been load restricted to 12T and project is estimated at \$350K using General Fund. Alderman Brucks expressed concern with spending down reserves and our tendency to run over on project costs and suggested that only W. Holland be done this year to see what it takes to do all the underground work and work with

residents during the project. Alderman Brownfield shared that most of the utilities on W. Holland are in the rear yards of properties and it would not be an apples to apples comparison. Following further discussion on the need to maintain infrastructure long-term as well as providing funding sources it was the general consensus to begin moving forward with these projects that are long overdue.

5. Other Business – None.
6. At 7:17 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



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Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk