

**CITY OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council
FROM: Finance & Personnel Committee
DATE: March 15, 2019
SUBJECT: Report of Proceedings of Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Held on
Monday, February 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brucks at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Brucks, Mayor Manier, Alderman Cobb

Also Present: Controller Baxter, Treasurer Dingledine, City Engineer Andrews, Customer Services Supervisor Westerfield

AGENDA

1. Non-member Alderman wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – John and Sharon Amdall submitted a statement regarding concerns about funding for Street reconstruction projects – see attached.
3. Approval of minutes

Alderman Cobb made a motion and Mayor Manier seconded to approve the January 22, 2019 regular session minutes. Motion carried.

4. Business Items

A. Liability, Unpaid Water Charges

A discussion was held on unpaid water charges and who should be responsible for payment. Currently, the Code provides that the landlord is only responsible in a situation in which a separate shutoff is not available for service termination. The Committee agreed that the owner should be liable for all unpaid bills. Staff was directed to consult with our attorney to determine the legality of such a provision.

B. Ally Water Meter Placement Program

A discussion was held on determining an appropriate program for the remote shut-off meters that were purchased a year ago. Alternatives include mandating the use of the meters; giving an option to install the meter and limit liability for unpaid bills; City sharing in the cost except for new construction which will pay the full cost; and landlord paying full cost. Staff was directed to consult with legal counsel to determine the legality of mandating use of the remote meters.

C. Health Insurance Renewal

Baxter reported that the preliminary renewal for the Health Insurance plan through IPCB is a 5.1% decrease. Since it is not final, she used no increase for budget purposes.

5. Other Business – None.
6. Executive Session – At 5:19 p.m. the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
7. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.