

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY – APRIL 8, 2019
FIVE POINTS BANQUET ROOM C - 360 N. WILMOR ROAD
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 8, 2019 to order at 6:40 p.m. in Banquet Room C 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, City Clerk Brown, and the Press.

MINUTES

1. Aldermen wishing to be heard on non-agenda item – None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – Mrs. Beth Black and Mrs. Amy Werner expressed their concerns with continuing to allow open burning in the City of Washington. Their concerns were with how it impacts many residents who suffer medically with the effects and how it impairs their quality of life. Mrs. Black asked that a committee be formed to study and make recommendation to amend based on the outcome of the study. Mr. Ed Roeder shared he lives on four acres and likes to have bonfires and does not want to see it banned completely especially since we are not a high concentration of housing here in Washington.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Moss seconded to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 regular Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - A. Chamber of Commerce Update – Ms. Kara Kamienski, representing the Chamber Board, was in attendance and shared that there were no updates to bring forward, the Chamber office is now moved to the Park District building on Spruce Street and is working well, and that they appreciate all that the City is doing.
 - B. Police Department Monthly Review – Deputy Police Chief Stevens provided a monthly review of activity for the month of March. He shared that Pastor Dave Jane of Connect Church has been named as Department Chaplain and will be officially sworn in soon and will be supporting the Department in a range of areas where his services are needed.
 - C. Open Burning Discussion – Deputy Police Chief Stevens went over the City's current regulations regarding open burning as well as providing information how surrounding communities are regulating open burning. and what other communities current regulate. He shared several options and alternative methods to consider. Following discussion, it was the general consensus to move forward with tighter regulations on smoldering fires and restricting the time of day and times of year that open burning of landscape waste is allowed. The suggestions were from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 45 days in the spring and 45 days in the fall.
 - D. TIF Subsidy Request – Knights of Columbus, 120 Walnut Street – P & D Director Oliphant went over the subsidy request indicating that it would allow for the installation of new flooring throughout the 3,672 s.f. space. He shared that Finance & Personnel Committee recommends a base 20% subsidy plus an additional 10% due to the continued investment by the Knights of Columbus

and based on this level, staff would recommend a subsidy not-to-exceed amount of \$5,605.08. Brian Cagle, representing Knights of Columbus, gave an overview of all they provide to the community and their want to upkeep the building with limited resources. He shared that they went with a lower quote and will be taking on some of the work associated with the installation to keep the costs down and any assistance the City can provide is greatly appreciated. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus to move this forward to Council for consideration.

- E. NPDES Phase 2 Year End Update – Public Works Director Andrews provided an update sharing that the second round of a formal annual cleaning checklist of basins under the City’s jurisdiction and a review of all basins (public and private) within the municipality for general upkeep and conformance have been accomplished with good success.
 - F. Overweight Loads & Potential Code Revisions to Chapter 75 – Public Works Director Andrews shared the following: a follow-up discussion was had at the Public Works Committee that arose out of an overweight crane request for a modular type home this past winter; in staffs review it was found that a modification during the upfront permitting of a project will help insure that there is not a reliance on equipment with an excess weight; and several areas of difficulty in enforcing our code were identified as well as areas of contradiction. He went over the proposed changes and following a brief discussion, a concern with the weight of garbage trucks s brought forward and Public Works Director was asked to reach out to Waste Management before moving this forward to Council for consideration.
 - G. Water/Sewer Rate Study – Public Works Director Andrews provided an overview of the components of the rate study that adopts a fixed rate component per account to the fee structure and drops the current minimum 750-gallon usage charge per meter. He shared that this structure grows us into a revenue stream over 5-years that will help us to undertake a 20-year replacement of the 20-miles of cast iron water main from the 1920’s on the east end of town and would then allow us to maintain a revenue stream sufficient to then continue into the replacement of ductile iron from the 1950’s and so on. Following discussion, it was the general consensus to move this forward to Council for consideration.
5. Other Business – Alderman Brownfield brought forward for discussion the tabled video gaming fee ordinance that was tabled at its second reading on April 1st, noting that the proposed terminal sticker fee for Terminal Operators of \$1,250 was part of the issue. Following discussion, it was the consensus to make the fees the same for all liquor license classifications and to incorporate the fees as follows: Video Gaming Establishment – \$500 annual establishment license and \$50 terminal sticker fee per machine and Terminal Operators – \$500 annual operators license and \$500 terminal sticker fee per machine and to bring back to Council for consideration.

Public Works Manager Schone shared that he was contacted by the union on incorporating the City’s prevailing wage ordinance into the bid documents for the concrete and excavator assistance commodities and will be making it a part of the bid document.

Ray Forsythe thanked everyone for the warm welcome he has received and is excited to get started in his role as City Administrator next week.

6. At 8:27 p.m. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk