

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY – JUNE 10, 2019
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM - 380 N. WILMOR ROAD
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 10, 2019 to order at 6:30 p.m. in Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.

Present: Aldermen Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Administrator Forsythe, Controller Baxter, Public Works Director Andrews, Public Works Manager Schone, P & D Director Oliphant, Police Chief McCoy, Deputy Police Chief Stevens, Assistant City Attorney Derek Schryer, City Treasurer Dingledine, City Clerk Brown, and Press.

MINUTES

1. Aldermen wishing to be heard on non-agenda item – Alderman Adams shared that he has received a couple of calls and emails regarding the new water rates and asked that more detailed information be made available on the City’s Facebook page and Website along with more information on the recent changes to the open burning ordinance.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – Charli Gregory, addressed the Committee with her concerns regarding the recent sale of the Tarvin farm to Barry Vineyards which included the property not being sold to the highest bidder; sale amount lower than appraisal; unknown future revenue stream; and what happens if the business fails. Bob & Allison Montgomery, addressed the Committee with their concerns regarding the recent sale of the Tarvin farm to Barry Vineyards and stated that they want the winery to be successful and also want to ensure that all existing Ag businesses remain successful as well. Their concerns included farmers “right to farm” without fear of lawsuits brought by offended neighbors and named noise, field dust, spraying, corn shucks, combine dust, odors, etc. as potential offenses to a neighboring business and the safety for all traveling on E. Cruger Road (photos of farm equipment travelling west on Cruger were presented and made part of these minutes). Mitch Gregory, addressed the Committee with his concern regarding the recent sale of the Tarvin farm to Barry Vineyards which was the lack of notification given to surrounding properties on what was happening with the Tarvin farm. Duane Williams, addressed the Committee with his concerns regarding the recent sale of the Tarvin farm to Barry Vineyards which included potential noise and traffic safety in the area.

Kristi Howell, representing Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on the Good Neighbor Days festival. She shared that due to weather tough decisions had to be made and thanked everyone that was involved in the process and felt they were the right decisions for public safety. She noted that most activities were held and the carnival was very successful. She indicated that they are in the process of creating focus groups that will help to continue the success of the festival in the future.

Josh Biagini, addressed the Committee regarding the proposed ordinance on the agenda regarding poultry. He expressed his support in allowing chickens within the City limits as they don’t make much noise; they are odor free if taken care of properly; home raised eggs are healthier; and if kept properly can be good for the City.

3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 regular Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Property & Liability Renewal RFP's – Controller Baxter turned it over to Dennis Hermann from Alexander Murray Agency who went over the following: 1) a tabulation of three insurance proposals that were received (Travelers, Bliss McKnight, Burnham & Flower), noting that each are substantially responsive to the RFP; 2) low proposal is from Burnham & Flower at a total estimated premium of \$135,574, noting that the final premium could be slightly higher due to a minor change on the auto schedule of values; 3) the City was previously insured through Burnham and Flower from April 1, 2013 through July 1, 2016; 4) Burnham & Flower's quote is roughly a 13.4% decrease from the City's current term premium and is a very good offering; and 4) recommends the proposal received from Burnham & Flower for the City's property and liability insurance renewal. Following discussion, it was the consensus to move this item forward to Council for consideration.
- B. Water Treatment Plant No. 1 Flood Levy Protection Engineering – Public Works Director Andrews provided the following: 1) this was first reviewed by City Council in October, 2018; 2) Crawford Murphy & Tilly (CMT) was engaged to assist in a detailed review of flood protection options; 3) the 500-year flood protection is more aggressive, more costly, and has federal 50/50 cost share funding available while the 100-year flood protection is IEPA's minimum, is less costly, and does not provide for any cost sharing; 4) Council previously decided to target the 100-year flood protection and as such \$50K for the design of the levee engineering was budgeted; and 5) discussion was held at the recent Public Works Committee with direction to bring it to Committee of the Whole prior to advancing it to City Council. It was the consensus of the Committee to move this item forward to Council for consideration.
- C. Water Tower #3 Design Engineering – City Administrator Forsythe indicated that this item was placed back on the agenda at the direction of Council at the last Council meeting. He shared that he stands by the comments he made on the topic at the May 20th City Council meeting where information was provided and again is recommending approval of the design engineering to move forward. He noted the capital bill was pending at the May meeting and has now been approved and we are anxiously waiting to hear about projects moving forward. Following discussion, it was the consensus to move this item back to Council for consideration.
- D. Proposed Ordinance Amendment: Allowing Poultry in Residential Districts – P & D Director Oliphant provided the following: 1) interest in allowing chickens has come from a resident who is currently on a temporary reprieve from our regulations that do not allow them; 2) this topic was considered in 2012 and was voted down; 3) regulations would include: a special use requirement, a building permit on the enclosure, roosters would be prohibited, enclosure and yard setback requirements, waste material and offensive odor, and special use would not run with the property so each property owner would be required to make application as well; and 4) if there is a desire for consideration a public hearing would be held before the Planning & Zoning Commission prior to Council action. Following discussion, it was the general consensus to gather more information and move it forward in the consideration process.
- E. Proposed Ordinance Amendment: Providing for New Liquor License Classifications – Deputy Chief Stevens provided the following: 1) proposing two changes to accommodate potential business; 2) adding a Class N license tailored to Five Points that allows for an outdoor area to be used in conjunction with their events; and 3) adding a Class W license to allow for the recently proposed winery as well as potential brew pubs and craft distillers. Following discussion, it was the consensus to move this item forward to Council for consideration.
- F. Food Truck Considerations – City Administrator Forsythe shared the following: 1) he was approached by business owners on the Square asking for an opinion and direction on allowing food trucks on public property and that currently the City's code only allows them on private property; 2) Moline created a food truck policy with regulations that allow for them on both public and private property and sees an opportunity for us to meet demand and requests of business owners and regulate in a way as to not create unfair advantages to a food truck over a brick and mortar restaurant; 3) fee structures and permit requirements can be established; 4) IDOT was contacted to see if they would allow it and they gave us specific locations where they would allow it; 5) business

owner was primarily concerned on Monday's when the only other restaurant on the Square isn't open; 6) shopping guests are somewhat frustrated with no other food options as well as when the only option is busy and they have no other outlet; and 7) recommendation would be to allow staff to develop a food truck policy specific to Washington that meets the intent of business owners and takes into consideration existing restaurants and council direction. P & D Director Oliphant commented that even though this came to us as a localized request, he would like to see food truck considerations given to the City as a whole. Following discussion, it was the consensus of Committee to develop a controlled food truck policy and move it forward to Council for consideration.

- G. Newly Elected Orientation – Orientation was provided through a PowerPoint presentation with each City department presenting.
5. Other Business – Public Works Manager Schone shared that the previously discussed bucket truck is now available again and he will be bringing it forward to Council next week.
6. Executive Session – for collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and for discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review for the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2 & 21)) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. At 8:36 p.m. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to move into Executive Session. On roll call the vote was:
Ayes: 8: Adams, Black, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder
Nays: 0
Motion declared carried.
7. At 9:43 p.m. Committee reconvened in regular session and Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk





