

# Committee of the Whole

Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Library at Five Points, Washington, 360 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, IL

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Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 13, 2021 to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Present:* Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, and Stevens  
Police Chief McCoy, Attorney Derek Schryer, City Treasurer Strubhar and City Clerk Brod

*Absent:* Alderpersons Brownfield, Yoder

*Also Present:* Utilities Superintendent Rittenhouse, Planning and Zoning Director Oliphant, City Engineer Carr, and Public Works Director Schone

## MINUTES

1. ALDERMEN WISHING TO BE HEARD:  
none provided

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tom Gross brought forward a suggestion to take the next few weeks to investigate the third-party engineering firms sought for the Phase 2B Project. He asked that they be evaluated to not only work on the current route but other routes as well. He encouraged everyone to interview and evaluate for the environmental impacts due to global warming. He said to not set an example that Washington was willing to destroy virgin forest. Mr. Gross then promoted a personal Facebook page.

Joyce Blumenshine, who now lives in Peoria, shared information about global warming including information about Greenland. She stated that scientific assessments predict in 2030 Florida will start flooding and New York City will start seeing hurricane flooding. Ms. Blumenshine stated that Farm Creek is the main drainage in the area and its protection is critical. She stated that it is not just now, it's for generations beyond.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Alderperson Stevens noted a correction in the spelling of Kris Hasten's name and the street mentioned in Item D should read "School Street" instead of "Grant Street".

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. *TIF Program Scoring Model Proposal:* Planning and Zoning Director, Jon Oliphant shared that the city has been talking about this for two years and noted that our current guidelines were adopted in 2003. He shared that the proposed firm has been helping with Pekin and Peoria. Mr. Oliphant shared that CivicServ can help streamline our process and help eliminate some of the objectivity. He noted that this is a low cost investment of \$5,450. Alderperson Adams voiced his approval because it helps streamline the process and this is a minimal cost to make sure that we are covering everything and this will save the TIF fund at least that much.
- B. *CCTV:* Utilities Superintendent, Brian Rittenhouse shared that this closed-circuit camera is used for sewers. He also shared that we received bids for the co-equipment and noted that we need some of this equipment for the retrofit. Mr. Rittenhouse shared that the van we have, has relatively low miles, so a retrofit would be better than replacing it. He shared details on the bid which were provided in the memo. Mr. Rittenhouse shared that the Aries camera costs more because the other vendor owns the rights to its own software. He noted that they've seen an increase in breakdowns and they sought references which they received them from the Greater Peoria Sanitary District and Hoerr Construction who both have Que cameras. He also noted that there is a local resource for repairs. They are recommending EJ Equipment to go for the Ques camera. Alderperson Dingledine shared that having the ability to have a local company help maintain the camera is the biggest seller. Alderperson Dingledine and Public Works Director Schone briefly discussed the additional costs due to software rights and the lifespan of the cameras. Alderperson Adams agreed with their assessments. Alderperson Cobb asked if either camera has a better warranty. Mr. Schone shared that there is not a warranty but EJ Equipment and their manufactures have stood behind their equipment and given them immediate service and replacement equipment.
- C. *Private Water Line:* City Engineer Carr noted that there has been several instances in the last four months with leaks on the residential side of services. He noted that we currently don't have anything in our code that tells the City how to handle this situation. He shared that this will help staff and officials to be on the same page when dealing with issues. Mr. Carr shared that there is also language about defective meters and noted that leaks can be adjusted in the code when addressing a defective meter. Mr. Carr shared that they had help with Davis and Campbell to help draft the ordinance. Alderperson Dingledine shared that Public Works has discussed this and they feel this helps assure that things are handled in a timely manner and it also gives Public Works and the City Engineer backing when talking to a resident about a defect or leak. Alderperson Stevens asked about the cost of a meter and Mr. Oliphant estimated about \$140. Mr. Carr offered to confirm that information. Alderperson Stevens shared that she thinks this is a good idea. Alderperson Adams agreed with Alderperson Dingledine's comments.
- D. *The Sanitary Lateral Ordinance* will be discussed at a later time.
- E. *Phase 2B Trunkline – Third Party Engineering Update* – City Engineer Carr stated that he has received five of the six candidate applications and noted that some are stronger than others. Mr. Carr shared that the Selection Committee will have to take a look at them and noted that the original schedule was to look at RFQs this week but due to an absence in the committee, this will be delayed. Mr. Carr stated that if there is one really strong candidate, the City could bring them to council to present their methodology. Doing this allows staff to remain out of it. Mr. Carr stated that they hope to know if they will bring one or two firms forward next week and all proposals will be shared on the website.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderson Stevens asked for clarification about a project in Cambridge Estates and a project on Kern by Streamwood. She asked when do projects come to Council for approval. City Engineer Carr clarified that it depends on the cost of the project because staff is given the ability to complete projects under a certain amount. He noted that the Cambridge Estates project was a larger project, so it had to come to Council but the Kern project was less expensive so it didn't need Council approval.

6. ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:53pm Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Adams seconded to go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously with a Roll Call.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:19 p.m. Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Dingledine seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk