



**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**In the library at Five Points, 360 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois**

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**Call to Order** Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, November 1, 2021 to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Roll Call** Present and answering roll call were Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder.

**Also Present** City Engineer Dennis Carr, Planning and Zoning Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Utilities Superintendent Brian Rittenhouse, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, City Clerk Valeri Brod, Police Chief Mike McCoy, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, City Attorney Derek Schryer, and Press

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**Review Agenda for Deletions or Additions** None at this time.

**Pledge of Allegiance** All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Manier.

**Citizens Wishing to be Heard** Brian Fischer of North Main Street thanked Council for looking into the Phase 2B project as well as providing transparency. He stated that he understands that \$165,000 is a lot of money but most of the Alderpersons were not here when the project started. He also stated that he likes that everyone is on board and when it comes to a vote, they know their options.

**Agenda Review** The agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.

**Consent Agenda** Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items:

- a) Approval of minutes: October 18, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting and October 27, 2021 and October 28, 2021 Work Session Meetings
- b) Approve TIF Joint Review Board Minutes for October 29, 2021
- c) Approval of Monthly Financial Reports through September 30, 2021
- d) Acceptance of Police Pension Fund Municipal Compliance Report for FYE 4/30/2021
- e) Lawndale Pay Request #11
- f) Hilldale Pay Request #6
- g) Bid Award: Roadway Salt

Aldersperson Dingledine moved and Aldersperson Brownfield seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

**Announcements and Proclamations** None at this time.

**Finance & Personnel Committee** In the absence of a chairman, Mayor Manier shared that there are no business items to bring forward from the Finance & Personnel Committee.

**Public Safety  
Committee**

Chairman Butler, Public Safety Committee, shared that there are no business items to bring forward at this time.

**Public Works  
Committee**

Chairman Brownfield, Public Works Committee, introduced City Engineer Dennis Carr to provide details concerning the Phase 2B Alternate Analysis. Mr. Carr noted that this was brought to the Committee of the Whole meeting where staff did not receive any direction to reduce the scope of work. He shared that staff worked with the engineering firm to develop an agreement that is being presented. The completion date for the analysis is on or before March 15, 2022. Funds would come from Fund 501.

Aldersperson Brownfield moved and Aldersperson Adams seconded.

Aldersperson Stevens asked for the amount of our current surplus sewer funds. Ms. Baxter stated about \$3,000,000. Aldersperson Butler stated that he was not present for the discussion but when reading the memo, it looks like a suggestion was made for reducing the scope of work but he doesn't know if that happened. Aldersperson Butler went on to state that he supports the soundness of using one of the best engineering firms in the country. He feels that this is a lot of money. Mr. Carr said the analysis being put forward, will use data that is already out there. They are just going to try to be more open public input and give Council the best options so they can decide what's best. Aldersperson Butler stated if a new path was chosen, Council will have a new group of people in the audience and noted his concern with water rates if we choose an alternative that will add \$3,000,000 to it.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 2 Dingledine, Butler

Chairman Brownfield, introduced Utilities Superintendent Brian Rittenhouse to provide details concerning the Waste Water Treatment Plant Generator Purchase. Mr. Rittenhouse shared that they are searching for a new location for the generator and noted an issue with the current generator recently, when it had to be restarted manually. At that time, they also noted an oil leak. Mr. Rittenhouse stated that staff is looking for approval to purchase a new generator now, but they won't receive it until the next fiscal year due to delivery delays. Public Works Director Kevin Schone added that it takes 40 weeks for the delivery, so we need to get it ordered as soon as possible, with the possibility of using a mobile unit if the old one goes out. Mr. Schone noted they will have to troubleshoot how to treat sewage when using a back-up generator. Aldersperson Dingledine noted that the IEPA can ding us if we don't have a plan in place. Mr. Schone shared that it is \$193,000 for a generator, plus the cost of installation. He also noted that they will need to run new electrical.

Aldersperson Brownfield moved and Aldersperson Stevens seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Staff provided the following Public Works updates:

Mr. Rittenhouse shared that a resident on Parr Hue, with a leak, is hooked on and other residents will be hooked on shortly. He also shared that Public Works is doing interviews for two positions and they are currently trying to schedule a meeting for the water quality study. Mr. Schone shared that they took care of a water leak on Jefferson and it is repaved. He noted that once they fixed a valve, a leak occurred somewhere else. He also shared that Public Works is starting snow preparation and completing temporary sidewalk repairs on the square, as well as starting a rip rap job at the Stratford bridge.

Mr. Carr shared that the IEPA said clean-up of the diesel spill will start soon, they finished the mill and overlay of Kingsbury, the sidewalks are being worked on on Hilldale and paving will start next week. He also shared that North Street is closed today for a project that will take about 25 days, the Centennial Rec Trail project is pushed off until 2022, the Holland landscaping of rear yards will be next week, Lawndale is getting buttoned up and an

underground boring project got a reamer stuck which will require them to pull out part of a road then patch it.

Mr. Oliphant shared that Core and Main broke ground on their new facility and Freedom Parkway should start next summer.

**Mayor** Mayor Manier shared that the City hired GovHR to assist in the search of a new City Administrator and they had narrowed the search from 28 resumes, down to five. He shared that one candidate withdrew, which leaves four remaining who were very qualified. After interviews, Mayor Manier with support from Council, concluded to offer a contract to James Snider, who will be appointed at a Special City Council meeting next Monday. Mayor Manier shared that Mr. Snider was a county administrator from Rock Island and originally from Canton, Illinois. He intends to start on December 13, 2021.

Aldersperson Dingleline moved and Aldersperson Adams seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingleline, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Mayor Manier shared the following Standing Committee appointments:

Finance and Personnel Committee: Brian Butler Chairman, Lili Stevens, Gary Manier

Public Works Committee: Mike Brownfield Chairman, Dave Dingleline, John Blundy

Public Safety Committee: Brett Adams Chairman, Todd Yoder, Aaron Boyles

Aldersperson Dingleline moved and Aldersperson Brownfield seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingleline, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Mayor Manier shared that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be on November 18<sup>th</sup> and it is hosted by the Chamber.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance:**

*Annexation of  
910 S. Main Street*

Mayor Manier provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would extend and amend the amended Downtown Square Redevelopment Plan and Project of the City of Washington, Illinois, for the Downtown Square Redevelopment Project Area.

Aldersperson Brownfield moved and Aldersperson Dingleline seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingleline, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance:**

*Sanitary Lateral  
Ordinance*

Mayor Manier provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement for private development with SKL Limited Partnership for the redevelopment of a portion of the downtown tax increment redevelopment project area.

**Aldersperson's  
Comments**

None at this time.

**Adjournment**

At 6:54 p.m. Aldersperson Dingleline moved and Aldersperson Stevens seconded to move.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

