



Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
In the meeting room at the Washington Fire Department, 200 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order	Mayor Manier called the special meeting of Thursday, September 22, 2022 to order at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present.
Roll Call	Present: Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder Absent: Alderpersons Brownfield and Butler
Also Present	Mayor Manier, City Administrator Jim Snider, Chief Mike McCoy, City Clerk Valeri Brod, and City Attorney Keith Braskich

Pledge of Allegiance All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Manier.

Citizens Wishing to be Heard Nothing provided at this time.

Review Agenda for Deletions or Additions The agenda stood as presented.

Mayor Mayor Manier offered an apology regarding Monday’s meeting. He stated that we are blessed to have great staff and plenty of checks and balances to make sure everything is above board. He feels we need to stop questioning staff and making them feel like they are doing something wrong. Mayor Manier stated that this special meeting would not have been necessary if Police Chief McCoy, Clerk Brod or himself would have been contacted with any questions. Mayor Manier also shared that the statement made about two alderpersons making the decision for the Kern Road grant was ridiculous. It was voted on that evening. He shared that the offer for the lot on High Street was withdrawn due to Facebook posts. He stated if you are against something just state it and vote no. He added that trying to stump staff or embarrass staff with questions that have nothing to do with the agenda items is a waste of time. Mayor Manier asked everyone to come prepared to Council meetings and moving forward they will be run more business-like. Mayor Manier shared that he learned that someone visited a local business and they have no authority outside of the Council meeting. The business should not have been drilled about their licenses.

City Administrator

2nd Reading Ordinance: City Administrator Jim Snider provided the following ordinance: An ordinance amending Chapter 136, of the Code of Ordinances, titled “Regulation of Licensed Video Gaming” allowing no more than eleven (11) video gaming establishments and no more than fifty-seven (57) video gaming stickers in the City at any one time.

Aldersperson Adams made a motion to approve, seconded by Aldersperson Yoder.

Aldersperson Blundy asked why the terminal licenses are not increasing to 66 instead of 57 because the ordinance states that business can have six machines each. Mayor Manier explained that some business like Bernardi’s verified that they will only have a lesser number of machines and this was taken into consideration. He shared that he felt this was done so that a special Council meeting did not have to take place when an establishment added additional machines. Chief McCoy shared that they had talked to the business owners before they solidified the ordinance and added a gap so this will add machines and still keep the gap. Aldersperson Adams further clarified that there are a few businesses not using all six of their machines and that was considered when creating the total number. He shared that adding these three machines maintains the gap. He also clarified that this was decided a few years ago when the state made an update allowing establishments to have six machines. Aldersperson Dingledine stated that he likes to be able to regulate this so a business doesn’t increase the number of machines without coming to Council first. This allows Council to decide on an as-needed basis.

Motion carried by roll call vote:
Ayes: 6 Adams, Blundy, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder
Nays: 0

- Aldersperson’s Comments**

Aldersperson Stevens stated that the way the meeting was structured, there wasn’t time for clarification before the vote. She feels like public business needs to be done in public.
Aldersperson Stevens said when she has asked a question, Mayor Manier has told her not to take up staff’s time. She hopes that moving forward, meetings can be structured to avoid items like this.
- Adjournment**

At 5:39 p.m. Aldersperson Dingledine moved and Aldersperson Stevens seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri Brod, City Clerk