



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
In the library at Five Points, 360 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, January 3, 2022 to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call Present: Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder.

Also Present City Administrator Jim Snider, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Police Chief Mike McCoy, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, and City Attorney Derek Schryer

Pledge of Allegiance As all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Manier, a moment of silence was dedicated to Mary Kimpling who was the owner of a local business that began on the Washington Square in 1925.

Citizens Wishing to be Heard None at this time

Review Agenda for Deletions or Additions None at this time.

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. Approve Minutes of December 20, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting and December 20, 2021 Special City Council Meeting
- B. Hilldale Pay Request #8
- C. North Street Culvert Pay Request #1

Alderpersion Brownfield moved and Alderpersion Stevens seconded.

Alderpersion Stevens requested an addition to the minutes in the public comments concerning the Brewpub Project. The motion was not amended to accept the requested addition, therefor, the motion stood as originally presented.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Announcements and Proclamations None provided at this time.

Finance & Personnel Committee

Finance and Personnel Committee Chairman Butler shared that there are no business items to bring forward at this time.

Public Safety Committee

Public Safety Committee Chairman Adams introduced Police Chief Mike McCoy who shared that all the information was presented to the Public Safety Committee and the last Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the purchase of police motorcycles and they would like to recommend approval to purchase the motorcycles.

Aldersperson Brownfield moved and Aldersperson Stevens seconded.

Aldersperson Stevens feels motorcycles are a want not a need and suggested a foundation to be started to help pay for them. Aldersperson Stevens stated the cost is quite high and she doesn't see an end to it and she can't support it. Aldersperson Adams noted the discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the yearly cost that is just shy of \$5,000 per year. He shared his personal thought that if our police department has people waiting to apply, the cost would be worth it. Aldersperson Adams also stated that if a motorcycle breaks down he wouldn't want to buy or lease a brand new one, but this continuance of use is good.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Adams, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Mayor Manier

Nays: 4 Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder, Blundy

Motion declared carried with Mayor Manier breaking tie votes.

Police Chief McCoy shared a monthly report with Council prior to the meeting and welcomed any questions.

Public Works Committee

Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield shared that there is only an update at this time. Chairman Brownfield introduced City Engineer Dennis Carr who shared details regarding the current water system. Mr. Carr shared that the City has two plants, Plant One is near 911 Drive and services the eastern side of town and Plant Two is located on Constitution and services the western half of town. He noted that we currently have three emergency pressure releasing valves that act to connect the two systems. Mr. Carr explained that the raw water that comes into Plant One has higher ammonia rates and uses chloramine to disinfect the water. Treatment Plant Two does not have as high of ammonia. Mr. Carr noted in July of 2019, the IEPA changed the regulations increasing minimum chlorine residuals. These changes created the need for the Water Quality Study. He shared that the water systems cannot mix the two types of water. Once the Water Quality Study, which contained a Nitrification Action Plan recommendation, was complete it showed that we have some nitrates but not enough to exceed the counts. Plant One doesn't have the ability to pump enough chlorine into the system as called for in the Nitrification Plan. It was noted that the cost could exceed \$250,000 to complete the plan. Mr. Carr also noted that when the simulation was done, Pressure Zone Two was assisting Pressure Zone One allowing the two systems to mix which they shouldn't do according to the new requirements from the IEPA. Mr. Carr presented two options: 1) to keep the two systems as they are and shift the PRB location for about \$200,000 each or 2) make the modifications to Plant One which would help match the two systems so they could mix. Further analysis showed that the IEPA recommended a Table Top Corrosion Study. Mr. Carr stated that it is more financially responsible and more pros than cons to flip Plant One. He also stated that the water is currently safe to drink. Mr. Carr said they are wanting to change their funding focus from the Nitrification to the Table Top Study to begin the process of converting the plant.

Aldersperson Dingledine stated that we don't really have a choice. It will have to be done at some point so we should budget for it. He also stated that it is better to be proactive because a reactive response could be more expensive. Aldersperson Dingledine noted that we are either going to spend the money with the nitrification or converting the plant and even with doing the nitrification, we could still have to do the conversion.

City Administrator Jim Snider shared that this is a consistent process with IEPA and safe water is desired. Mr. Snider also noted that even though this is mandated, this is unfunded and we will be responsible for the cost. He went on to share that selling some water to

Illinois American Water could help offset the cost and that this will be reviewed during the budget discussions.

Mr. Carr shared the following project updates: they submitted the MFT and projects are under review, we have received permission to use the fog coat, there was a short delay during the trunkline review due to illness and they will provide a draft in about three weeks. Public Works Director Schone shared that he is working with Utilities Superintendent Rittenhouse to get quotes on equipment, they asked for a trade for the skid steer and back hoe, they are getting prices together, they have the camera van back and waiting for training and they are fixing a few mailboxes damaged in the snow removal.

Mr. Rittenhouse shared that Waste Water Treatment Plant One is completing the phase one demo and phase two should begin shortly. He also shared that the HVAC at Waste Water Treatment Plant Two will be scheduled for installation soon.

Chairman Brownfield said the guys did a great job with heavy and wet snow.

Mayor Mayor Manier shared that a resident had stopped him and said the glass recycling had been removed and he clarified that it was replaced not removed. Mayor Manier stated that information can be found on the City website, Facebook page or by calling City Hall.

Mayor Manier introduced Mr. Carr to provide information about the upcoming Freedom Parkway Project. Mr. Carr stated that a public hearing for phase one will be on Tuesday and they chose to do it virtually due to the increased numbers of Covid cases. Mr. Carr shared that the information is on the City website.

City Administrator City Administrator Jim Snider shared a memo and packet that is attached to the meeting agenda. He stated that this is a follow-up and doesn't require action at this time.

Adopt Resolution: None at this time.

2nd Reading Ordinance: None at this time.

1st Reading Ordinance: None at this time.

**Aldersperson's
Comments** None at this time.

Adjournment At 6:54 p.m. Aldersperson Dingleline moved and Aldersperson Brownfield seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Valeri Brod, City Clerk