



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
In the library at Five Points Washington, 380 N. Wilmore Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, April 4, 2022 to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call Present: Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, and Stevens
Remote: Dingledine
Absent: None

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

Approval of Remote Attendance Mayor Manier shared that Alderperson Dingledine requested to participate remotely due to health issues. Attorney Schryer clarified that a motion could be made to allow Alderperson Dingledine to participate remotely because health issues meet the Rules of Procedure.

Alderperson Adams moved and Alderperson Brownfield seconded to approve Alderperson Dingledine's remote attendance.

Motion carried by voice vote:

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

Announcements and Proclamations None at this time.

Citizens Wishing to be Heard Allison Montgomery from North Main Street in Washington Township came forward to share that her husband Bob invited Mr. Snider and all the Council members to walk their farm field. Ms. Montgomery stated that they have drainage issues in their field. She explained the stages of development with Cruger Road and the recreational path. She stated that they want to work with the city for a solution and shared that they had a meeting where an attorney instructed them to hire a consultant but she feels it's too expensive and just wants to come to a resolution. Ms. Montgomery stated that she should not have to provide the City a benefit by routing water east and west. She stated that they will work with all the agencies involved. Ms. Montgomery shared that she is protected by the American Farm Preservation Act because this used federal funding and stated that Mr. Snider has an understanding of rural drainage laws. She noted that fighting IDOT is difficult and is concerned about attorney fees. Said sighted a ridge in the field that runs north and south and stated that the field used to drain until the road was raised. She asked Mr. Snider to come with his expertise. Ms. Montgomery stated that she will work with the Farm Bureau and get excessive salt water off the field. She stated that she wants to be good neighbor and feels that the City hasn't been a good neighbor.

Review Agenda The agenda was reviewed and Alderperson Brownfield stated that they would like to remove Item 2, regarding the Landscaping Maintenance Bid Award, under the Public Works portion of the agenda.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of March 21, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Annual Tree Maintenance Bid Award

Alderperson Stevens moved and Alderperson Brownfield seconded to approve with the following corrections: remove City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar and Deputy Chief Stevens from the attendance on the minutes.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine and Stevens

Nays: 0

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
Police Update Public Safety Committee Chairman Adams introduced Police Chief Mike McCoy who shared a brief update. He shared that two people are graduating soon and will start field training in two weeks. Chief McCoy also noted a recent domestic issue in Tazewell County, where the Police Department got to the victim quickly, removed her from her locked car and an officer drove the ambulance to the hospital while paramedics assisted the victim. Chief McCoy shared that there are two speed trailers that are active and the K-9 has been active in traffic stops. HE also shared that new training will have six classes that officers have to take annually, nine classes every three years and one domestic violence class every five years. Chief McCoy shared that the mental health classes are now required and they will start them early and he sent letters to local legislatures for grant opportunities for the new evidence building.

Public Works Committee
Approve the Furnishing and Delivery of Ready-Mix Concrete Bid Award Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield shared a few items for consideration and introduced Public Works Director Schone to share details regarding the Furnishing and Delivery of Ready-Mix Concrete Bid Award. Mr. Schone stated that they opened bids on Wednesday for various Public Works jobs. He noted that we are not obligated to use all the quantities provided in the memo. Mr. Schone shared that they have about \$40,000 budgeted for the various jobs. He noted that VCNA Prairie was the low bidder which has a 3.5% increase over last year. Mr. Schone recommended accepting the bid as well as approving the use of Roanoke Concrete when VCNA Concrete is unable to provide product, even though it is a higher bid.

Alderperson Brownfield moved and Alderperson Butler seconded to approve the contract with VCNA as well as add Roanoke Concrete should it be needed.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine and Stevens

Nays: 0

Approve the Plow Truck Purchase Consideration Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield introduced Public Works Director Schone and Utilities Superintendent Rittenhouse to share details regarding the Plow Truck Purchase Consideration. Mr. Rittenhouse shared that the MERF schedule allows for the purchase of an International dump truck and they are usually purchased through the state bid or International. Mr. Rittenhouse shared that this year's proposed budget is \$162,000 and staff has been doing research about different truck options including International, Western Starr, Mack and Kennworth. Mr. Rittenhouse explained that they have had mechanical issues with the International trucks, with some issues taking months to fix. He also shared that staff reached out to other municipalities including Pekin and McLean County who moved away from the International trucks. The State Bid is \$83,000, Western Star is \$107,217, Mack is \$118,853 and Kennworth is \$133,330 and these prices are for the chassis only. Mr.

Rittenhouse noted that there is an urgency to get the chassis ordered to avoid lead-time issues. He shared that staff recommend the Western Starr because it will take less time to come in, less time with staff trucking a vehicle back and forth for repairs and less repair expenses. Public Works Director Schone stated that we don't take the increase lightly. He noted the issues they have experienced, the lack of availability of some parts and the staff time needed to track parts and repairs. Mr. Schone also noted that the other municipalities have been happy with their switch to a different truck and noted the concern if more than one vehicle goes down for repairs. Mr. Schone shared that we have spent about \$95,000 in the last eleven years on the International trucks for a variety of issues and Alderperson Brownfield clarified that the Sourcewell bid for the International trucks was \$91,000-\$93,000 and the biggest issues is with service and the Public Works Committee recommends this change.

Alderperson Brownfield moved and Alderperson Stevens seconded to accept the purchase.

Alderperson Stevens said she appreciates the thoroughness and believes this will save money. Mayor Manier shared that International used to be one of his accounts and the engine has changed in that time.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine and Stevens

Nays: 0

Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield introduced the Public Works department to share updates. Mr. Rittenhouse shared that they have started hydrant flushing and valve turning which will exercise over 700 hydrants and valves. He also noted that they are still televising sanitary sewers. Mr. Oliphant shared that the Take Pride in Washington event is Saturday, April 23rd which will start at Wenger Shelter at 8:30am. He also shared that they are planning the Arbor Day planting. Mr. Carr shared they are dealing with rain as well as a shallow gas main near the Centennial Rec Trail construction. They will be lifting the path up a little to accommodate it. Mr. Carr shared that they met with the utilities for the Hilldale project as well as the stormwater team and the report should be done near the end of April. Mr. Carr shared that staff sent out smoke testing letters to affected residents and he has received calls concerning who is going to pay for all the fixes. Mr. Schone shared that this is his last time providing an update as he is retiring soon. He noted the new CDL law and shared that ICC offers training that starts every three weeks and goes for four weeks and the cost is \$4,225. He noted that another option is to use JJ Keller at the cost of \$9,600 but maybe we could work with other municipalities to lower cost. Mr. Schone shared that we have one more employee to hire to get to full staff and said that a truck driver that can be trained to do water/sewer leaks might work. He also shared that they have secured a paver rental at Tazewell County Asphalt and it is less than what we paid Altorfer. He noted that there is an agreement with Tazewell County Asphalt that if they needed it, they would borrow it back. Mr. Schone shared that staff is looking for a new fountain head and will bring some options to Council before they purchase one. He ended by thanking City Council and everyone and looks forward to attending as an audience member.

Mayor Mayor Manier asked Mr. Schone to share his history with the city. Mr. Schone stated that he was hired in January of 1996 as a labor at the waste water treatment plant. He then took the waste water class and became certified and worked his way up to a Class 1 Operator. Then in 2011 he became the Supervisor at waste water treatment plant and was then promoted to the Public Works Manager in December of 2014 and finally the Public Works Director in January of 2020. He stated that it has been a great job, especially the people he worked with. He stated that we have a great staff.

Mayor Manier expressed his appreciation for Mr. Schone's willingness to take phone calls in the middle of the night from elected officials and handle things like dead animals and noted his willingness to do hard things. He congratulated Mr. Schone.

City Administrator City Administrator Jim Snider shared the following:

Adopt Resolution There are no resolutions at this time.

2nd Reading Ordinance There are no second readings at this time.

1st Reading Ordinance
*Approving the Tazewell
County Building
Inspection Services
Intergovernmental
Agreement.*

City Administrator Jim Snider provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would provide for an intergovernmental agreement with Tazewell County to provide for use of its building inspectors to satisfy the City's needs for inspections and plan reviews.

1st Reading Ordinance
*Approving the Adoption
of the NFPA 101 Life
Safety Code Version as
Enforced by the Office of
the State Fire Marshal*

City Administrator Jim Snider provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would clarify that the City of Washington has adopted whichever version of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code that is being enforced by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as well as the current versions of the National Electrical Code and Illinois Plumbing Code.

1st Reading Ordinance
*Approving the Adoption
of Annual Budget for FY
2022-2023*

City Administrator Jim Snider provided the first reading of the following ordinance, by title and brief synopsis: The following ordinance would adopt approve the city of Washington's budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending on April 30, 2023 in the amount of \$29,509,680. As required by state statute, a public hearing on the City's FY 22-23 Tentative Annual Budget is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022.

**Aldersperson's
Comments**

Aldersperson Boyles announced that affective April 12th he will be resigning from the City Council because he is relocating to provide better career opportunities for he and his wife. He stated his appreciation for Council and Staff for a great seven months. Mayor Manier noted that he noticed Mr. Boyles had retired from Caterpillar and thought there might be a change. Mr. Boyles stated that his new career will align with his military background.

Executive Session:

At 7:05 Mayor Manier entertained moving into Closed Session for the following reasons:

- 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5) – The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

Aldersperson Brownfield moved and Aldersperson Adams seconded to move into Closed Session.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 Adams, Blundy, Boyles, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine and Stevens

Nays: 0

Mayor Manier noted that there will be no action items coming out of Executive Session.

Adjournment At 7:50 p.m. Aldersperson Adams moved and Aldersperson Adams seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk