



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
In the library meeting room at Five Points, 360 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, September 19, 2022 to order at 6:30 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 Engineer Dennis Carr, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Finance Director Joanie Baxter, Police Chief Mike McCoy, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Attorney Brittany Miller and Press

Pledge of Allegiance All stood for a moment of silence in honor of Bill Ebert, father of former City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine and Alderperson Dave Dingledine as well as the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Manier.

Citizens Wishing to be Heard Nothing provided at this time.

Review Agenda for Deletions or Additions Alderperson Stevens stated that Resolution #11 was a decision made by two people on the Public Works Committee. She stated that the chair motioned and Alderperson Dingledine seconded the motion, so Alderperson Blundy's comments were irrelevant. Alderperson Stevens shared that she would like to provide input and thinks the vote should be pushed back. Mayor Manier clarified that after a motion and second, she is welcome to discuss it and further clarified the timing was determined to meet the grant deadline. Mayor Manier shared that the committee voted 3-0 to bring it forward to Council.

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

- A. Approve Minutes of September 6, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Bills and Payroll
- C. Accept Financial Reports for the Period Ended July 31, 2022
- D. Payment Authorization, Tournament of Champions
- E. Accept Other Post-Employment (OPEB) Program – Interim Update for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2022
- F. TIF Pay Request #1- Square Restaurant and Brewpub, 140 Washington Square/112 Walnut Street
- G. WWTP #2 Digester Catwalk Repair Purchase Authorization
- H. WTP Wells 11 & 12 Upgrades Purchase Authorization

Alderperson Stevens requested to discuss Item F of the Consent to clarify that there was an error with the amount going into the brewpub. Mayor Manier shared that it had been corrected and provided to the elected officials.

Alderperson Stevens motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Alderperson Adams seconded.

Alderperson Stevens stated that there was a correction that was provided to all the Alderpersons but a lot of people follow the brewpub progress and it should be noted that the correct amount is \$275,000 at the acquisition and not \$350,000. Mayor Manier further clarified that as of today the amount is \$350,000 and it was a number that was accidentally transposed. Planning and Zoning Director Jon Oliphant took credit for the error. Alderperson Stevens read the line items and stated when you add two numbers together it is the grand total.

Alderperson Stevens also commented on Item C, stating the sales tax portion is down in the home rule and regular sales tax. Finance Director Joanie Baxter clarified that Alderperson Stevens may be looking at the compared to budget and it is taking a projection and applying it to the previous amount and it can appear skewed. Alderperson Stevens asked why the water user and sewer user fees are down. Alderperson Stevens asked if we have more delinquent accounts or less people. Ms. Baxter said it does not have to do with delinquent accounts but a lot of components including weather and habits. Ms. Baxter said it is too early to determine, which is why they look at it this way.

Alderperson Stevens said the heading in Item A, minutes, should say Tuesday not Monday.

Mayor Manier expressed his appreciation to Clerk Brod for providing minutes to Council on Thursdays for Council to look over.

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

Announcements and Proclamations	Nothing provided at this time.
Finance & Personnel Committee	Finance and Personnel Committee, Mayor Manier noted that there is nothing on the agenda this evening.
Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Committee Chairman Adams shared that they will have an ordinance to discuss regarding video gaming. Police Chief McCoy said that there are no updates at this time but they would like to consider waiving the second reading for the gaming ordinance.
Public Works Committee	Public Works Committee Acting Chairman Dingledine introduced staff to provide the following business items.

Item 1: <i>Water Treatment Plant 1-Chlorine Improvement Engineering Agreement</i>	City Engineer Dennis Carr shared that this was budgeted and the chlorine improvements at WTP2 have been discussed. He noted they originally budgeted \$45,000 but after the IEPA reviewed the water quality study, they found additional items that are needed like pipe harvesting and a few other items that require engineering fees. The new cost will be \$78,500. This will likely go out for bid in early spring and it will be split between this budget and next year's budget. Mr. Carr shared that CMT's proposals are always time and materials and they sometimes come under what is budgeted.
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Aldersonperson Dingledine motioned to approve, Aldersonperson Schone seconded.

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

Item 2: <i>Early Plow Truck Chassis Purchase Authorization</i>	Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse shared that in July, staff brought forward the possible purchase of two plow trucks with one being earlier than scheduled. He noted that they can only locate one truck but if anyone cancels, we could possibly get the second truck. The price would remain the same as what was previously quoted. One truck would be \$113,017 and if we are able to purchases two it would be \$226,034. Staff is recommending purchasing both trucks.
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Aldersonperson Dingledine motioned to approve, Aldersonperson Adams seconded.

Aldersonperson Dingledine asked that even if we don't get both chassis next year, they will still honor going forward with both. Mr. Rittenhouse shared that he can't guarantee, but he would bring any changes back to Council.

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

Item 3: <i>Plow Truck Body Builds Purchase Authorization</i>	Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse shared that after the chassis are built, they still have the body builds which include beds, plows and spreaders. Koenig estimated one body build at \$123,588 and two body builds \$247,176 and they have these on hand.
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Aldersonperson Dingledine motioned to approve, Aldersonperson Schone seconded.

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

Acting Chairman Dingledine introduced staff to provide updates.

Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse shared that they replaced two filter media and it went well. They were onsite to pressure wash Water Tower Two but were waiting for a boom and it is now pushed back three weeks. They put out notices for hydrant flushing which should start about October 3rd.

City Engineer Dennis Carr shared that Stark has completed the curb line on the Hilldale project and they will keep the concrete crew to do more concrete work. Ace in the Hole is finishing spray patching and most of the targeted roads are done for next year. He shared that they are working on the RFQ for drainage design engineering and have received an updated Smoke Testing Report that they will bring to Council.

Alderperson Stevens asked if spray patching was done on Westgate near Christendale and asked why this is done instead of hotbox. Mr. Carr shared that hotbox is meant for deeper blemishes because it won't hold as well to the surface. Mr. Carr explained that spray patch adheres well and will last through winter. Alderperson Stevens clarified that we hire spray patching out. Alderperson Stevens asked if the roads that received spray patch will receive something else next year. Engineer Carr explained that there may be chip seal applied next year if the prices are more reasonable.

Alderperson Stevens asked for the status of the detention area maintenance. Public Works Director Rittenhouse shared that Jason had reviewed the situation and they are making determinations.

Mayor

Adopt Resolution:
A resolution supporting a surface transportation block grant request to resurface Kern Road and part of Wilmor Road

Mayor Manier provided the following resolution: A resolution pledging the City's commitment for a 20% local cost share and support a Surface Transportation Block Grant request to resurface Kern Road and part of Wilmor Road.

Alderperson Stevens motioned to approve, Alderperson Adams seconded.

Alderperson Stevens asked what happens to if she tables the vote but has the discussion tonight. Mayor Manier clarified that there is a motion and second on the floor.

Alderperson Stevens shared that she goes to meetings to hear what's going on and she found this interesting. She noted that Alderperson Blundy asked about Cummings and Mr. Carr said it was concrete. Alderperson Stevens stated the deadline is October 19th for the resolution submittal. Planning and Development Director Oliphant clarified the application is due the 30th and resolution has to be submitted by October 19th. Mr. Oliphant clarified that the resolution accepts the local cost share for the selected project and he further provided that as staff we don't need a resolution but we would need direction for the project because we don't have another meeting before the 30th. Alderperson Stevens noted the size of the project and referred to the provided map. She mentioned the ADA items and Kern has fewer ADA ramps. Engineer Carr clarified that ADA compliance refers to the sidewalks in their entirety. Alderperson Stevens and Engineer Carr briefly discussed North and South Main. Engineer Carr shared that some roads are not in the condition needed for this plan. Further discussion took place clarifying that the condition of the sidewalks can minimize the financial impact. Mr. Oliphant added that given the estimated allocation for each of the two years, it's a matter of finding a project that meets the sweet spot because we will likely not be selected for projects above the total. Making an ADA compliant sidewalk was briefly discussed.

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

1st Reading Ordinance:
Prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply by the installation or use of potable water supply wells or by any other method.

Mayor Manier provided the following Ordinance: An ordinance restricting the use of groundwater from the area of 305 Peoria Street as an institutional control for the remediation.

1st Reading Ordinance with a Request to Waive the 2nd Reading:
Amending Chapter 136, of the Code of Ordinances, titled "Regulation of Licensed Video Gaming"

Mayor Manier 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.

Alderperson Adams motioned to waive second reading, Alderperson Schone seconded.

Motion failed by roll call vote:
Ayes: 5 Adams, Blundy, Dingledine, Schone and Yoder
Nays: 1 Stevens

Mayor Manier noted that the establishment will have to wait for approval.

Alderperson Stevens asked for the story behind this. She stated that video gaming is a big deal and you need a license and stickers. Mayor Manier shared that it is driven by ordinance. Mayor Manier shared that the establishment thought there was an open license due to a closed establishment but the license was still open. Alderperson Stevens asked if this is an existing establishment that had been open for years. Mayor Manier noted that an establishment has to be open for a year before you can get a license. Alderperson Stevens asked how the man came before the Public Works Committee and stated he turned off the machines. She asked if they received a license and sticker. Mayor Manier shared that the license was never issued. Alderperson Stevens said the mayor is the person to go through and asked if there was money paid. Mayor Manier referred to the ordinance and stated that he is unsure why they turned them on. Alderperson Stevens asked why we cap the number of licenses. Mayor Manier shared that this limits the number of gaming cafes and liquor

licenses and allows for checks and balances. Alderperson Stevens asked where the machines are located. Alderperson Adams said the machines are at Mariachi's and noted that there was another restaurant that had machines but they are no longer operating. He further clarified that the number of terminals was 54 but if this restaurant is closed, they would have three machines. It was clarified that Mariachi's has been open a long time and Chief McCoy clarified that they filled out an application. Chief McCoy further clarified that the stickers are given after the liquor establishment fills out the application but there were no licenses or machines available when they applied. Alderperson Stevens asked Clerk Brod for the date of the application, asking her to estimate the date that the application was submitted. Clerk Brod stated that she did not have the exact date with her and she would rather not guess the date, but she can get back to her with it. Alderperson Stevens asked if she can she rescind her vote. Mayor stated that we have already moved on.

1st Reading Ordinance:
Amending the of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois by amending Chapter 160 entitled "Building Code"

Mayor Manier provided the following Ordinance: An ordinance instituting a refundable lot grading fee of \$2,000 prior to the issuance of a building permit for new construction projects.

1st Reading Ordinance:
Amending Chapter 96 of the of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois to address downspouts and sump pump line setbacks

Mayor Manier provided the following Ordinance: An ordinance establishing setbacks for all new downspouts and sump pump lines.

Alderperson's Comments


Alderperson Stevens shared that she appreciates being able to attend Illinois Municipal League Conference. She stated that it was an excellent event and she enjoyed attending a session that Mayor Manier moderated.

Alderperson Stevens made a motion to discuss the discrepancy in the descriptions of the Committee of the Whole meetings as stated in the Municipal Code and as stated in the Rules of Procedure to be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Alderperson Yoder seconded.

Motion carried by roll call vote:
Ayes: 5 Adams, Blundy, Schone, Stevens and Yoder
Nays: 1 Dingledine

Adjournment

At 7:09 p.m. Alderperson Stevens moved and Alderperson Schone seconded to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.


Valeri Brod, City Clerk