

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY – NOVEMBER 9, 2015
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM - 380 N. WILMOR ROAD
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 9, 2015 to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington.

Present: Aldermen Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, and J. Gee.

Absent: Alderman Maxwell was absent.

Also present: Controller Baxter, P & D Director Oliphant, Police Chief Volk, City Treasurer Dingledine, and City Clerk Brown.

MINUTES

1. Aldermen wishing to be heard on non-agenda item – None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – None.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman Moss moved and Alderman T. Gee seconded to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
4. 2015 Property Tax Levy – Controller Baxter shared that 5-options were presented to the Finance & Personnel Committee this evening and following discussion it was the consensus to focus on presenting Options 1 & 2 for determining direction this evening from the Committee of the Whole. She shared that the very good news is that we have seen a rebound of assessed valuation for 2015 showing an increase of \$44,066.819 or 15.1% that not only gets us back to but exceeds our pre-tornado level. She noted the \$79,952 increase in special levies is due to increases in pension levies, noting that the amount remains the same in both options. She shared that Option 1 takes the General Fund levy back to the pre-tornado level of \$360,000. She shared that the General Fund levy would increase by \$107,995 after the special levies are fully funded and the overall tax levy would increase by \$189,515 bringing the total tax rate to \$.42104, slightly over the current rate of \$.41954. She shared that Option 2 would maintain the current tax rate of \$.41954 allowing for an increase in the City's total 2015 tax levy due to the increase in assessed valuation. She shared that the General Fund levy would increase by \$102,945 after the special levies are fully funded and the overall tax levy would increase by \$184,865. She noted this option will result in the General Fund levy just slightly under the pre-tornado level of \$360,000. Following discussion it was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with Option 2.
5. Other Business – None.
6. At 6:53 p.m. Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk