

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

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 9, 2015 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington.

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

Absent: None.

Also present: City Administrator Gleason, 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 – Alec Presley, 803 S. Elm Street, shared that he would like to see the City take another look at the bee keeping ordinance within city limits to allow bees under the control of a bee keeper to fly at large within the city limits. Mayor Manier shared that this would be handled first by the Public Works Committee and they are scheduled to have a meeting next Monday evening and asked Mr. Presley to contact Jon Oliphant at City Hall yet this week. Alderman J. Gee shared that he meeting is at City Hall next Monday at 5:00 p.m.

April Crotts shared her perspective to the events on Tuesday, February 24th at the election poll at Five Points Washington. She shared she did not want this day to be talked about in a negative context as many positives came out of the day. She shared that the city ward redistricting in 2011 has created some confusion and her goal as a poll watcher that day was to increase voter turnout, and commented that by consolidating all the polls into one location it helped in accomplishing a greater voter turnout. She shared that she understands how residents felt intimidated because she herself felt timid and frightened that day as a poll watcher because the process can create that feeling. She shared that she just wanted to make sure intimidation or things that happened with miscoding didn't impact the day and that they were being good stewards as volunteers to serve our community and never wanted to create discord. She shared that there were only three challenges and at the end of the day it was a learning process for all. She shared that she hopes going forward that we continue to find ways to increase voter turnouts. She shared that it is difficult to find information and even people from the City came to vote and didn't understand. She shared that she has emailed Pat Brown on specific cases and she has been extremely responsive and she will have more suggestions in the future. She shared the goal is for those to get the information in one place and asked that the Council share the importance of that day with their constituents.

3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
4. Business Items – None.

Other Business – None.

5. At 6:43 p.m. Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to move into Executive Session for collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees per 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(2) and for pending litigation per 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On roll call the vote was:
Ayes: 8 Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Dingledine, J. Gee, Schneider, Brownfield, Butler
Nays: 0
Motion declared carried.
6. At 7:42 p.m. the Council reconvened in regular session and Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk