

Committee of the Whole

Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Library Meeting Room in Five Points, Washington,
380 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, IL

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with a quorum present.

Present: Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder

Also Present: City Administrator Snider, P & D Director Oliphant, City Engineer Carr, Finance Director Baxter, Public Works Director Rittenhouse, Police Chief McCoy, City Clerk Brod, Attorney Derek Schryer and press

MINUTES

1. ALDERPERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD: Alderperson Schone mentioned an invitation that he saw online for a Meet-and-Greet event to be held on February 4th, for five candidates. He listed the candidates. He wanted everyone to know about the event. Alderperson Stevens asked if the meeting started and it was confirmed that it had. Alderperson Stevens stated that in this day and age we don't have a newspaper making it hard to know who is running. She shared that the Chamber might have a candidate meeting. She shared that they are going to have this meeting in a public place and Alderperson Schone is welcome to come and the hosts of the meeting are the candidates that he named. She hopes people come out. She hopes the Chamber will also have a Meet-the-Candidates meeting.
2. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD: Katie Beale, a Ward 3 candidate, expressed that she doesn't want hard feelings and stated that she had reached out to everyone and members of Council and she kept in touch with anyone who reciprocated. Mr. Schone stated that he was not contacted. Ms. Beale stated that it goes both ways and she spoke with Mr. Schone but she kept in contact with anyone who contacted with her. She noted that Mr. Schone could have texted Alderperson Stevens asking to be included and Mr. Schone said he wasn't made aware of the event. Ms. Beale shared that the event was created two days ago and invited Mr. Schone to be included. Mr. Schone accepted the invitation.
John and Sharon Amdall of Washington spoke about asphaltting Catherine Street. They expressed that they would like the City to consider to brick. They reached out to someone about costs of brick and shared it with Engineer Carr. They stated that it is more expensive than asphalt but doesn't require chip and seal every seven years and the new skills needed by Public Works could be worth it.
Jeff Vallosio was present to comment about a couple of items including the streets. He stated that he does not like rock and chip. He shared that rocks get pulled onto the driveway by his tires. His street, Woodcrest, has been done twice and has been patched two or three times since it was done. Mr. Vallosio stated that Mayor Manier and Council received a letter regarding a drag show and he put his name on the list. He is happy to see the event scheduled for the library has been cancelled. He referenced an event on the square and suggested age restrictions and security coordination.
Cody Wilson is here to thank Council for their support of the MEG unit. He stated that the investment has been valuable to the community and thanked the community.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alderperson Dingledine motioned to approve the December 12, 2022 meeting minutes; Alderperson Schone seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
4. BUSINESS ITEMS:
 - A. *Catherine Street* – Engineer Carr shared that the intent is looking to name Catherine as the next road for budget planning consideration. This is to move forward with the design for the street. He shared that the condition of the road has been discussed with staff. He shared that he spoke with the Amdalls about the life cycle of the street costs. Mr. Carr noted that the cost of 400 feet, the brick option would be about \$226,000 and asphalt would be \$76,000. The difference for the entire length of Catherine, which is 3,200 feet, would be \$1.4 million. Mr. Carr shared details regarding the process of installing brick and the extra elements needed on brick roads. He also noted that there are utilities under the road. He shared the differences if permeable pavers were used. He said it would cost \$50,000-\$1,000,000 to mill and overlay the whole stretch and it would take 50 years to break even with a permeable paver. He noted that if we use the same bricks on Holland, they have a lifetime guarantee but there would always be releveling and maintenance. If permeable is the way to go for stormwater consideration, it would require a new piece of equipment that would vacuum larger chunks.

Using pavers also requires using different kinds of plowing; either leaving ½ inch of snow or using a polymer blade which only last 1/3 the life of a regular blade. Mr. Carr stated that the current bricks could not be reused and new pavers would change the look of the road and that would not be the historic look that everyone is used to. Mr. Carr stated that there are two items to discuss: 1) is Catherine next; 2) should it be brick or asphalt?

Aldersperson Blundy said it would be helpful to see a matrix to see why they chose Catherine as the next choice. He wondered how Holland was chosen. Mayor Manier stated that talks began in 2015, and they discussed doing Zinser to see if crews could do it. The historic homes, that are on the national registry, were considered and the special assessment on Holland was noted.

Aldersperson Brownfield stated that the infrastructure was in the back of the properties, alleviating issues. He also noted a few bumps in the road just a few years after completion.

Aldersperson Blundy asked if there is a larger plan to do brick roads.

Aldersperson Brownfield said it was meant to be a test but imperfections are being found.

Using bricks to refinish streets around the square was discussed.

Aldersperson Dingleline expressed concern for the degradation of bricks under larger trucks and plows. He stated that there isn't a street that needs redone more and noted that staff helps rate the streets.

City Administrator Snider said it is always a best practice to have professionals rate and grade the streets which takes the pressure off Council so they can't claim favoritism. He stated that Mr. Carr is competent, these professionals know best and there is no political influence.

Aldersperson Schone said in 2016, he and Engineer Tech Fuller went out to rate every street from 1-10 with 1 being the worst. They then brought in a firm who did an assessment and their ratings were very similar. He shared that Catherine was on the list. He stated that it would be great to have the first block off the square brick, but Council will have to decide to do it.

Aldersperson Adams feels that Catherine needs it, sharing his walking experience from 1982. He stated that brick is a neat concept but he is not sure it is worth the cost. He also stated that the current condition hasn't been historic for decades and he is favoring asphalt.

Aldersperson Stevens stated that Holland and Lawndale were done as a template and discussed what went right or wrong. She stated that she had no idea about the permeable versus other pavers and did not know Holland was not permeable.

Mr. Carr clarified that permeable pavers were not chosen because of water flow issues. He shared that increasing the joints and changing the sand could help.

Aldersperson Stevens asked if she can make a motion to discuss the types bricks and asked if the bricks from Catherine can be used on sidewalks.

Mr. Carr shared that the current bricks are not ADA compliant and are not in the condition to reuse. Aldersperson Stevens said she noticed the Martins used the bricks to his carriage house.

Aldersperson Stevens noted that the Westlake (Peoria shopping center) used pavers in their parking lot. She thinks this is a great discussion. Aldersperson Stevens feels the area near Brunks would be a good place to keep that brick. She noted a presentation from Ed Andrews in 2018 concerning infrastructure but sump lines were not discussed.

Aldersperson Butler agrees that Catherine is in bad shape and is the right street to fix. He agrees with Aldersperson Adams that it is no longer historic due to its condition. He noted that most streets in all cities were once brick and this is not unique to us. He appreciated the lifecycle analysis that Mr. Carr provided. He expressed concern for the cost of brick.

Aldersperson Yoder agrees that Catherine needs attention and would like to see the design and cost before he makes a decision. He would like to see ideas showing the plans for bricking one block off of Main Street.

Aldersperson Brownfield agreed with Aldersperson Yoder.

It was noted that the Regional Pavement Management Program ratings were from 2018.

Mr. Carr clarified that the ratings received from Tri-County are from 2020, noting that it was done in 2018 and the ratings are done on a three-to-five-year basis. Tri-County has submitted for ratings to be done next year.

Aldersperson Stevens stated that she is comfortable with Catherine but would like to discuss the design.

Aldersperson Dingleline stated that this is still two years out and there is plenty of time to discuss. He shared that the two roads that were done received a very poor rating which is why they were fixed. He shared his concern for sliding towards main because the snow can't be cleared well enough on brick.

Mayor Manier confirmed that the consensus was to do Catherine next and Dennis will have time to work on the design.

Mr. Carr said they will concentrate on the red roads in the report for mill and overlay. He also noted that Kingsbury ended up in worse condition than anticipated.

Aldersperson Blundy would like further discussion on what the Square will look like in the future.

Aldersperson Dingleline stated the decisions have to be made before the bidding process and this can possibly help save money.

B. Early Purchase of Mower – Public Works Director Rittenhouse shared that the FY23/24 budget allows for three new mowers. Staff reached out to Wieland’s Lawn Mower Hospital for a quote and it came to a grand total of \$40,168.80. It will take about four months to be delivered and the price doesn’t include the trade-ins. He shared that the internet pricing was \$15,999.99 to \$18,326.00 per mower. The fiscal impact would be \$40,168.80 for all mowers. Mr. Rittenhouse stated that staff would budget this coming fiscal year, allowing the use in May. He also stated that mowers would be rotated to keep the hours the same for all. Alderperson Stevens liked the idea of rotating mowers. Alderperson Brownfield said this is a smart decision because of supply chain issues. Administrator Snider said this will be a budget item and help avoid supply chain issues.

5. OTHER BUSINESS: Alderperson Brownfield apologized to Alderperson Dingledine for using the word “we” when Alderperson Dingledine was adamant that he did not support bricking Catherine Street. He shared that he was speaking for himself not Council. Alderperson Stevens shared that at the last Council meeting she asked the attorney about the point of order and she received an email response but would like to hear an explanation for the people in the audience. Attorney Schryer shared that a motion was made during the regular order by an alderperson at the January 3, 2023 meeting. The motion was to remove two second readings off the agenda and move them to the Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion. Under Roberts Rule, his interpretation is that the agenda was amended. He clarified that when a motion is made to remove anything off the agenda, there is no discussion on that item. It is for approving the agenda as it stands. He explained that if the motion was made after the item was on the floor for consideration, discussion could only take place regarding the merits for postponing it for further consideration. A motion made at that time would limit the discussion to whether it should be removed or not. Alderperson Blundy asked when there was a motion and a second, would he have had to make a motion immediately to postpone the items or anytime during the discussion. Attorney Schryer stated that a motion and a second opens an item up for discussion on the item and Alderperson Blundy could have made a subsidiary motion to postpone to a later meeting. Alderperson Stevens said she was under the impression that once a motion was made, you can’t have another motion. She asked what happens to the original motion and second? Attorney Schryer stated that if Alderperson Blundy would have made a motion during the discussion, the chair would note the focus is limited to the subsidiary motion regarding the postponement. Alderperson Dingledine asked for consideration for remote attendance at the next meeting. Alderperson Stevens stated that she previously talked about the difference between what the code says about what happens at the Committee of the Whole meeting and what the Rules of Procedure says. She shared that a Public Safety meeting just occurred and there are no highlights from that meeting. She read the Rules of Procedure state that the purpose of this meeting is to review forthcoming programs. She asked if Municode was hired to do the code and asked how are we in that process. Administrator Snider stated that he would provide her an update.

6. ADJOURNMENT: At 7:29 p.m. Alderperson Schone moved and Alderperson Brownfield seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk