



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. – Meeting #2

In the library meeting room at Five Points, 360 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

Swearing in of Public Officials City Clerk Brod provided the swearing in of the following elected and re-elected officials:

- Lilija Stevens, Ward I (Re-Elected Alderperson)
- Jamie Smith, Ward II (Newly Elected Alderperson)
- Bobby Martin, Ward III (Newly Elected Alderperson)
- John Blundy, Ward IV (Re-Elected Alderperson)
- Gary Michael McIntyre, Ward IV (Newly Elected Alderperson)

Roll Call Present: Alderpersons Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

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

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

Review Agenda for Deletions/Additions Nothing was added or deleted at this time.

Citizens Wishing to be Heard Nothing was presented at this time.

Mayor Mayor Manier provided the following annual appointments:

- City Collector, Clerk Valeri Brod and Budget Officer, Administrator Jim Snider

Alderperson Stevens motioned to approve; Alderperson Butler seconded.
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mayor Manier provided the following Standing Committee appointments:

- Finance and Personnel Committee: Brian Butler, Chairperson; Lilija Stevens; Bobby Martin III
- Public Safety Committee: Brett Adams, Chairperson; John Blundy; Jamie Smith
- Public Works Committee: Michael Brownfield, Chairperson; Mike McIntyre; Gary Manier

Alderperson Adams motioned to approve; Alderperson Martin seconded.
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mayor Manier provided the following re-appointments:

- Planning and Zoning Commission: Mike Burdette, Tom Reeder, Steve Scott, and John Shelton

Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderperson Martin seconded.
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

City Administrator

Resolution City Administrator Snider provided the following Resolution for consideration:
Approving City Attorney Reappointment and Establishing Attorneys' Fees
Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would amend attorneys' fees for our current city attorneys with Davis & Campbell L.L.C. The previous resolution approved March 2, 2020, is enclosed.
Title: A Resolution Approving City Attorney Reappointment and Establishing Attorneys' Fees.

Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderperson McIntyre seconded.
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance Nothing presented at this time.

Aldersperson's Comments Aldersperson Blundy stated that Mr. Snider has good ideas regarding meeting structure. Aldersperson Blundy motioned to have Administrator Snider provide his meeting structure ideas at the next Committee of the Whole meeting; Aldersperson Stevens seconded.
8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Aldersperson Blundy stated that people have showed interest in a potential golf cart ordinance. He would like to bring back the discussion regarding golf carts; Aldersperson Stevens seconded.

6 Ayes: Blundy, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, and Stevens
2 Nays: Adams, Brownfield
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Aldersperson Blundy stated that Council agreed to have a public hearing for the Hamilton project. Aldersperson Blundy motioned to discuss a public hearing at the next Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the Hamilton project; Aldersperson Stevens seconded.

Mr. Snider explained that it would cost \$6,000-\$10,000 to bring Hamilton back and Council would need to approve the remainder of the contract for the public hearing. Aldersperson Blundy stated that he would like to review the whole project. Mr. Snider stated that Blundy could schedule a public hearing. Mr. Snider noted that Council has approved Hamilton to come back for \$6,000-\$10,000 to review the project. It was noted that the public hearing would be for the final draft report. Mr. Carr shared that the public hearing would have taken place after the final draft report was provided and the public comments that were shared at the public hearing would then be placed in the report. Mr. Snider suggested allowing staff to find out how much the next step would be. Aldersperson Adams asked for clarification. Mr. Snider suggested allowing staff to bring more information back which would include the cost to hold a public hearing. Aldersperson Butler asked for clarification. Mr. Snider stated that Aldersperson Blundy is asking for a public hearing. Aldersperson Blundy said he just wants an item on the agenda to discuss whether to have the public hearing. Aldersperson Blundy clarified that he asking for the discussion item to be placed on the Committee of the Whole agenda. Aldersperson Butler stated that he recalls it being \$20,000.

8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith, and Stevens
0 Nays:
Motion carried by roll call vote.

Aldersperson Brownfield stated that he looks forward to working with new Council members and he is surprised that ten minutes into the first meeting, one Aldersperson is bringing items back that have been asked for several times. He suggested that everyone thinks for themselves, does their homework and do what they need to do. Aldersperson Blundy stated that regarding golf carts, people have asked for it, it is already May, and he would like consideration before it is too late in the season. Mr. Snider stated that it is Council's prerogative, and he will ask Chief McCoy and the engineer to provide perspective on it. Mr. Snider stated he could meet with each person one on one to give examples of meeting structure so it would not be until June before he is ready to bring something forward to Council. Aldersperson Stevens asked Mr. Snider about live streaming. Mr. Snider shared that the GIS Specialist is looking into it and he estimates it will be about \$100,000. He is contacting Decatur to get ideas. Aldersperson Stevens referenced Tazewell County and Morton. Mr. Snider shared that he is looking for something more professional. Aldersperson Stevens stated that different people have come to Council about golf carts and for her, it is not everyone in the city. She suggested limited usage and stated various parts of town could be acceptable.

Adjournment At 7:28 p.m. Aldersperson Brownfield moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Stevens seconded.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk