

CITY OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council
FROM: Finance & Personnel Committee
DATE: December 4, 2015
SUBJECT: Report of Proceedings of Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Held on Monday, October 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brucks at 5:32 p.m.

Present: Chairman Brucks, Mayor Manier, Alderman Butler

Also Present: Controller Baxter, Public Works Director Andrews, Planning & Development Director Oliphant, Treasurer Dingledine, Steve Hullcraz, Mike Ingold

AGENDA

1. Non-member Alderman wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – None.
3. Approval of Finance & Personnel Regular Minutes

Alderman Butler made a motion and Mayor Manier seconded to approve the August 3, 2015 regular session minutes. Motion carried.

4. Business Items

- A. TIF #2 Subsidy Request: Jeff and Julia Woods – A TIF #2 request for funding assistance for the renovation of the interior and exterior of 108-110 N. Main St. on the north side of the square was discussed. The project would help repair some foundation damage to the building that has occurred due to water running off from the west alley. The total cost of the project is \$5,000 and it would qualify for the base 20% subsidy. Following discussion, **Manier made a motion and Butler seconded to recommend the City Council approve a 20% subsidy not to exceed \$1,000 to be paid at the completion of the project.** Motion carried.
- B. Water Meter Upgrade/AMR Update – Public Works Director Andrews discussed the status of the water meter upgrade program and the funding source to pay for it. Crawford, Murphy and Tilly has been retained to provide the review component of the approximately \$2.5 million project which will provide for hourly meter reads broadcast to City Hall every four hours, thus helping in detection of leaks and other issues as well as allow for monthly billing and reduce staff time in regard to reading of meters. Staff has discussed a monthly technology fee that would be assessed either per account or per meter, currently estimated at between \$3.00 and \$3.25 per meter. Butler would like to see a break given on the second meter for those who have two meters. The project should have substantial completion by May 1 with radio read ability and the City would retain all IPERLS in the system that have been installed in the past year and a half along with some SR2's that are water only and installed in the last few years.

- C. Square Parking Lot – Mayor Manier indicated that there is not enough time this construction season but would like to have Council start thinking about additional parking space on the square. Some properties include property we own by Brunks and the Skill Sprout property. If we purchase a lot from existing business owner, the business may pay to pave it. He would like to see public restrooms on one of the parking lots.
5. Other Business – City Treasurer Dingledine reported on some provisions of the Affordable Care Act that will affect the City in 2018. If the Health Plan meets a certain criteria in terms of benefits, an excise tax of 40% must be paid that is borne by the City. This will be important to note especially as related to collective bargaining stipulations. There is also a new reporting requirement for 2015 that will be effective in 2016 that shows Plan coverage for each employee and is done in conjunction with W-2's.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.