

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY – AUGUST 13, 2018
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM - 380 N. WILMOR ROAD
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 13, 2018 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington.

Present: Aldermen Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, and Moss.

Absent: None.

Also present: Controller Baxter, Public Works Director Andrews, Public Works Manager Schone, P & D Director Oliphant, Police Chief McCoy, Deputy Chief Stevens, City Treasurer Dingledine, and City Clerk Brown. Controller Baxter left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Aldermen wishing to be heard on non-agenda item – None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Chevie Kriete thanked the Committee for renewing their contract which increased the amount of dollars the Chamber receives from the City. She asked if there were any questions on the newly formatted 1st quarter report that was sent last week and there were none. She reported that they are working with the Park District as well on their upcoming Fine Arts Festival.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 regular Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Mayor Manier shared that Item D on the agenda will move to Item A.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Energy Contract Rate and Term Adjustment – City Buildings – Controller Baxter brought forward for Committee consideration a contract rate and term adjustment with Homefield Energy, our energy supplier for our City buildings, noting the following: our consultant GoodEnergy, approached us about renegotiating our current rates with Homefield Energy for a better rate; their negotiation resulted in a rate reduction as well as three term options (24, 36, & 48 month); and their recommendation was the 36 month term with a reduction in rate to \$0.04533/kWhs which results in a 3.37% reduction and a contract term savings of \$20,280.92. She noted that these rates change daily and if Committee has a consensus to move forward on this rate it could be done and brought back to Council for ratification at the next meeting. She also brought forward for consideration a possible new contract for streetlights which are currently being supplied by Ameren. She shared accounts have been identified that could see a rate reduction and cost savings of \$5,400 over a 36 month term with Hudson Energy Services who submitted the lowest bid of 5 that GoodEnergy received. Following discussion, it was the consensus of Committee to lock in the rate and term for our City buildings and move this forward to Council for ratification and to move the streetlights contract forward to Council for consideration.
- B. 3rd Party Service Line Insurance Presentation – Public Works Director Andrews introduced Mr. Mike Chambers of Utility Service Partners, Inc. Mr. Chambers provided an overview of the service they provide in offering residents an opportunity to purchase coverage for their private water and sewer lines, as well as interior plumbing, noting the following: 1) there is no cost or administrative responsibility to the City; 2) the City's involvement would only be to grant a license to Utility Service Partners to use the City name and logo in marketing to residents; 3) the City would see and approve any marketing materials being sent to residents; 4) helps address aging infrastructure and

educates homeowners about their service line responsibilities; 5) all repairs would be done by local licensed contractors to make sure repairs are done by code; and 6) 600 cities across the country are using the program with 98% customer satisfaction. Following discussion on both the benefits and risks of endorsing the program, Mr. Chambers suggested reaching out to other communities that are using the service before making a decision. Mayor Manier indicated that we would reach out to other communities and have further discussion before a decision is made.

- C. Transportation Plan Presentation – P & D Director Oliphant introduced Mr. Tim Thoreen, Senior Project Manager with HR Green, who provided an overview of the nearly completed Transportation Priorities Plan for Washington. It was noted that it was a joint study with the City of East Peoria and was entirely funded through a grant from Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Following the presentation, P & D Director Oliphant shared the importance of the document and its help in securing future state and federal funding for projects. Alderman Gee noted that he would like to see more emphasis on the priorities part of the plan. Alderman Brucks shared his appreciation for the work done that provided a good study for the City to move forward with. Mayor Manier thanked Oliphant for his work and the City of East Peoria for partnering with us.
 - D. Engineering Services – W. Holland Street – Alderman Brownfield shared that just like the N. Lawndale reconstruction we wanted to look at what we do with our brick streets. He shared that residents came to us and the best place to start would be W. Holland Street as it is our smallest section of brick street. He shared that they directed Public Works Director Andrews to find out what the cost would be and maybe get engineering underway to possibly be in the middle of the project next year. Public Works Director Andrews shared the following on the possible reconstruction project: it fits our template of aging infrastructure; pavement is nearing the 100 year old mark; more engineering needs than can be done in house; Mohr and Kerr Engineering is under our current contract for services and Maurer-Stutz was used during the tornado and both are comfortable undertaking this; timeline would be late November early December for preliminary plans, meet in mid-January with residents, and out for bid in May; project would encompass split year funding like the recent roof replacement project at WTP No. 2; and the main component of this discussion is to make sure Council is comfortable moving forward with the project. He noted that the cost per foot shown on the cost estimates is less than N. Lawndale with W. Holland having sanitary connections in rear yards and not running in the street as well as lower house density on the south side of the street. Alderman Brucks shared that it is a bonus to start with this section of Holland with no sewer mains in the roadway and asked if that would be consistent with what we would be looking at with Catherine Street. Public Works Manager Schone shared that Catherine Street would have some connections in the rear and some out front as well. It was confirmed by Dennis Hermann in the audience that when he was engineering they lined the Catherine Street sanitary sewer down the middle of the road. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to move this forward to Council for consideration
 - E. Police Department Monthly Review – Police Chief McCoy shared the importance of their reports and how they give direction on what can be improved upon to keep Washington a safe and friendly community. He provided the following related to the YTD report for the month of July: 1) Part I offenses are up, noting that they experienced more car burglaries this past weekend and have good leads they are following up on; 2) Part II offenses are up by 272; 3) traffic citations are down by 146; 4) written warnings are up 350; 5) property damage accidents down by 10; 6) personal injury accidents down by 1; 7) they are seeing traffic compliance with more written warnings being issued which is their goal; 9) there were 668 more officer initiated contacts which shows more engagement with the community; and 10) the overall calls are up by 631 since this time last year, noting that they are inspiring officers to deal with the community in positive ways.
5. Other Business – Alderman Brownfield shared that concrete assistance was budgeted this year and was awarded last week and one of the projects they are targeting help with is the sidewalks and curb from the Joos property to the bank on the Square. Discussion ensued on the 100 block of S. Main Street and it's challenges and the need for consistency with what the Downtown Streetscape project will provide as well as the overall challenges with ADA compliance around the Square in general.

6. Executive Session – for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. At 7:48 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Gee seconded to move into Executive Session. On roll call the vote was:
Ayes: 8: Adams, Brownfield, Brucks, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Gee, Moss
Nays: 0
Motion declared carried.
7. At 8:25 p.m. Committee reconvened and Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk