

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2021

Remote Web Meeting via ZOOM at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, January 19, 2021 to order at 6:30 p.m. in a remote meeting from Washington City Hall.

Roll Call Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens and Yoder.

Pledge of Allegiance All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Review The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.

Approve Consent Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda for approval of the following items:
Agenda

- a.) Approval of minutes of January 4, 2021 Regular Council
- b.) Financials
- c.) Bills and Payroll
- d.) Acceptance of Copier Replacement Proposal
- e.) TIF Pay Request - Faire Coffee
- f.) 2020 Year-End Development Activity Summary
- g.) Lawndale Engineering Overages
- h.) Water Treatment Plant 2 Block Repair – Pay Request #1 and Pay Request #3
- i.) 19-00127-00-PV Final Pay Request

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Yoder seconded to accept the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Cobb asked for clarification on Item I. He noted that there isn't enough in the fund to cover the pay request. Finance Director Baxter explained that we have the funds in the account but wants to make sure that we have enough budgeted. Ms. Baxter shared that this has been discussed with the City Engineer, Dennis Carr and this is based on an estimate which contains an addendum to the original budget. Mr. Carr shared that the roundabout put us over budget. Alderman Stevens asked about the City doing extra contract work on Steeplechase and asked if it was the same cul-de-sac. Mr. Carr confirmed that it was the same cul-de-sac. Alderman Stevens stated that she didn't know what this for and asked about to clarify what "a bust in the tonnage of rock" meant. She asked if it was special terminology. Mr. Forsythe stated that it meant that it wasn't correct.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine*, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Announcements and Proclamations None at this time.

Audience Comments None at this time.

**Standing Committee-
Finance & Personnel
Committee**

Chairman Daniel Cobb, Finance & Personnel Committee, shared that there was nothing to present except for the TIF Pay Request that appeared on the Consent Agenda which was approved.

**Standing Committee-
Public Safety
Committee**

Chairman Brian Butler, Public Safety Committee, shared they have a second reading under ordinances. He then invited Police Chief McCoy to share updates. Chief McCoy shared that there are a lot of questions concerning the police reform bill that was just passed by the State of Illinois. He shared that a few employees have talked about finding employment elsewhere if the entire bill stays intact and this is a concern will all police departments in the State.

**Standing Committee-
Public Works
Committee**

Chairman Mike Brownfield, Public Works Committee, invited City Engineer Dennis Carr to provide updates on the Phase 2B Soil Boring Project. Mr. Carr explained that the previous engineer had looked at it a little differently by piecing the project together. Mr. Carr stated that there are several loose ends including the geotechnical engineering, environmental engineering and soil boring work. Due to the quick turnaround needed by Strand, only one firm could meet the request. This is an agreement with Millenia and was budgeted in the sewer account with additional funds that staff hopes not to use. City Administrator Ray Forsythe shared that they are planning to having a public meeting with Council and property owners. Mr. Forsythe recommends going forward with this.

Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Cobb seconded.

Alderman Dingledine asked Mr. Carr for clarification about the purpose of the need to increase. Mr. Carr explained that there are additional samples that are needed by the IEPA.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Chairman Brownfield invited Mr. Schone to provide any updates. Mayor Manier asked about the chip and sealcoat projects from this past year. He has noticed that we are seeing a lot of rock come up from plowing, especially in cul-de-sacs. Mr. Schone stated that there might be a roller attachment that can be used on the plows to help put the full weight of the plow on the road. He shared that this might be worth considering for one plow to see if this would help our situation. Mr. Schone explained that we could look into a wheel kit and it would be about \$5,000.00. Mr. Schone went on to explain that there is also a sealer that the City could try. He has seen the township use it but it might be \$80,000-\$100,000 to include in the project. Chairman Brownfield asked if the City used the wheel kit, would we needed to use more product to get the snow that was missed by the plow blade. Chairman Brownfield also asked if there is an acceptable amount of loose rock by standards. Mr. Carr stated that what is out there now, is deemed excessive and the general consensus is that initial plow pulled up some of the rock due the ice that would have worked around to the bottom of the rock allowing the plow to pull it up. He went on to share that the biggest complaint with the fog seal option, is that it turns the rock dark then when the plow scrapes it, the lighter aggregate would show. It also can cost about \$1 per square. He noted that Morton uses Fog Seal but Peoria does not. Mr. Carr shared that a city our size wants to make sure we are keeping our residents happy as well. Alderman Stevens stated that this was a problem in Sunnydale Estates and she has brought this to the Public Works

Committee. Mayor Manier asked Chairman Brownfield if they would continue to look into this further. Mr. Forsythe provided that they would look into other funding resources as well.

Chairman Brownfield invited Mr. Schone to share that Police Department and Public Works is working together to replace the generator at the Firehouse. Mr. Schone explained that it contains hard to find parts. There was money set aside but not enough to upgrade the generator to natural gas and although they could look into a diesel generator, there would be the additional costs of using a crane to install it. Mr. Schone shared that there is about a twelve week lag time, so it might be good to get it ordered with what is budgeted but there may need to be more discussion.

Chairman Brownfield suggested bringing this item to the next Public Works meeting for further consideration.

Chairman Brownfield introduced Mr. Carr to provide any updates. Mr. Carr shared that he has talked to IEPA about the diesel spill and there is not any new news but we are waiting to hear form IEPA in order to give more information to Council.

Mayor

Mayor Gary Manier provided the appointment of Chris Fink to fill the open seat on the Liquor Commission.

Alderman Cobb moved and Alderman Stevens seconded.

On roll call on the motion to approve was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

City Administrator

City Administrator, Ray Forsythe thanked the staff and Finance and Personnel Committee. The Budget Overview was presented and received helpful feedback from Council members which will be very helpful when moving items forward with Council.

2nd Reading

Ordinance:

Item A

City Administrator Forsythe provided the second reading of the following ordinance approving the intergovernmental agreement, requested by Tazewell County, to participate in a regional Digital Planimetrics Data Acquisition Project benefiting staff in conjunction with the City's GIS.

Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Adams seconded.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

2nd Reading

Ordinance:

Item B

City Administrator Forsythe provided the second reading of the following ordinance amending Chapters 136.5 and 136.51 of the Code of Ordinances exempting previous gaming locations from waiting periods for licensing, and reducing the waiting period from two years to one year for gaming establishments reoccupying a previously licensed establishment location.

Alderman Butler moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded.

On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Cobb, Dingledine, Stevens, Yoder

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Alderman's
Comments:

Alderman Stevens asked the Mayor about who went off the Liquor Control Commission, Mayor Manier stated that Greg Pelts left.

Adjournment:

At 7:01 p.m. Alderman Yoder moved and Alderman Cobb seconded to move.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri Brod, City Clerk