

City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. – Meeting #1 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 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call Present: Alderpersons Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens

and Yoder

City Administrator Jim Snider, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Planning and Development Also Present

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.

Citizens Wishing A resident of North Street was present to share his family's attendance at various City to be Heard

meetings from 2015 to today. His statement is attached and made part of these minutes.

Review Agenda for **Deletions/Additions**

Nothing was added or deleted at this time.

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

A. Approve Minutes of the April 17, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting and the April 17, 2023 Public Hearing Meetings

Southeast Square Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction—Pay Request 1 Alderperson Stevens motioned to approve; Alderperson Adams seconded.

8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder

0 Navs:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Announcements and **Proclamations**

Mayor Manier read aloud a proclamation proclaiming Friday, May 5, 2023 Peoria Area Civic Chorale Recognition Day.

Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderperson Adams seconded.

8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Committee

Finance & Personnel Finance and Personnel Committee Chairman Butler shared that there are no business items to present.

Public Safety Committee

Public Safety Committee Chairman Adams shared that there are no business items and introduced Chief McCoy to provide updates. Chief McCoy shared that all liquor and gaming licenses were distributed.

Public Works Committee

Bid Award – Freedom Parkway

Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield shared that there are three business items and introduced City Engineer Dennis Carr to share information regarding the Freedom Parkway Bid Award. Mr. Carr stated that the bid opening was last Friday. The engineer's estimate was \$8.2 million and United Contractors Midwest bid \$6,595,004.75. Mr. Carr shared that they budgeted \$4.5 million in the water/sewer/capital/fund budget, and they will receive roughly \$2.4 million from PUUATS, leaving the remainder of our obligation at \$4.2 million. Staff recommends the approval of \$595,004.75 for the project. Alderperson Dingledine motioned to approve; Alderperson Schone seconded. 8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder

0 Nays: Motion carried by roll call vote.

WWTP Generator Design Engineering

Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield introduced Engineer Dennis Carr to share information regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator Design Engineering. Mr. Carr stated that the generator has been on order for a while and it should be delivered on April 20th. Mr. Carr explained that it is large and will require wiring diagrams which will need to be hired-out for engineering of the pad and wiring plans. Staff reached out to several providers, who's timelines would take too long, so staff then reached out to CMT who can provide something in two months. CMT quoted \$30,000 and this was a budgeted item. Staff recommends moving forward with CMT. Alderperson Dingledine motioned to approve; Alderperson Brownfield seconded. 8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder 0 Navs:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Pressure Paving Discussion

Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield introduced City Engineer Dennis Carr to share information regarding pressure paving. Mr. Carr explained that the last time Donelson was to do pressure paving, the condition of the road was not favorable. We budgeted \$250,000 for pressure paving projects. Staff provided two options to the Public Works Committee and Option Two was chosen to bring forward. Mr. Carr shared that Option Two would include the following:

- Pressure pave Devonshire, and N. Wilshire instead of Hot-in-Place Recycling which was planned in the current MFT project.
- Pressure pave Comfort, Easy and Breeze.
- Remove Devonshire and Wilshire and Hot-in-Place Recycle Westgate. Remove the chip sealing of Wilshire and Devonshire.
- Add Belford, Dorchester, Wellington, Fountaindale, and Stonehenge to the Chip Seal list for this year.

Alderperson Dingledine motioned to approve; Alderperson Butler seconded. 8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder 0 Navs:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Chairman Brownfield introduced staff who provided the following updates: Mr. Carr shared that the Freedom bid opening has been accepted and they now have to wait on IDOT to begin. Mr. Carr estimates it will be at least one to one and a half months before it starts. Mr. Carr stated that they are on schedule with Nofsinger and they have started to discuss detouring. He also shared that they are still waiting on electric on Hilldale and the ditch grading will begin soon in Felkers. Mr. Carr went on to share that the sanitary sewer work on the Square is nearly complete and we should expect to see bills for time-and-materials for a utility hit which was caused by less than great mapping systems. Mr. Carr is hoping that Howard will come in June and he shared that a resident on Cruger is not wanting to allow the City to expand a detention area which would help stormwater issues. Lastly, Mr. Carr shared that they are going to have a discussion with the Park District Board to talk about the installation of a detention berm which would allow a culvert to be installed instead of replacing the Jackson Street pedestrian bridge. This would save about \$75,000.

Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse shared that City crews have started hydrant flushing and they are going to start working with City landscape contractors soon.

Mayor Nothing additional added at this time.

City Administrator

Second Reading Ordinance

Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration: Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would approve the final draft of the Washington Comprehensive Plan providing a foundation and enabling development to benefit the entire community.

Title: An Ordinance Approving Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan

Alderperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Alderperson Schone seconded. 8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Second Reading **Ordinance** Proposed Enterprise Zone Boundary Expansion

City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration: Synopsis: Approval of this ordinance would amend Ordinance No. 3103, which designated an Enterprise Zone that includes territory within the City of Washington, and approve an amended Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Washington and four other units of local government to support a request to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity of the expansion of the Northern Tazewell County Enterprise Zone boundaries to add two parcels in the City of Washington.

Title: An Ordinance Approving Proposed Enterprise Zone Boundary Expansion

Alderperson Stevens motioned to approve; Alderperson Butler seconded. Alderperson Blundy asked why these were not in the map previously. Mr. Oliphant shared that the properties never had a commercial use and there was no need to include these until that need was established. Alderperson Stevens wishes there was more conversation and asked if there will be a landscaping area and Mr. Oliphant confirmed that they will follow code. Alderperson Stevens stated that she likes the look of the current barn, it is a great location and she wishes it could be a store.

8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Dingledine, Schone, Stevens and Yoder 0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Alderperson's Comments

Alderperson Blundy asked for an update on Howard's visit. Mayor Manier clarified that the update was provided during the staff updates. Alderperson Blundy asked when the archeological study will start. Mr. Carr shared that there was a delay due to the property owners pulling turkey tags. Alderperson Blundy asked if there is still going to be a public hearing for the Hamilton project. Administrator Snider shared that they can have it but it will cost about \$20,000. He also shared that Council agreed to the cost of \$6,000-\$10,000 for the revaluation of Hamilton's work. Alderperson Schone stated that, in regard to stormwater, homes have been removed in the past. He suggested the engineer could

consider purchasing the property with issues instead of doing a larger project to keep water out of that property.

Adjournment At 6:55 p.m. Alderperson Schone moved to adjourn; Alderperson Butler seconded. Sine Die Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk

Good evening Mayor and Council,

Since April 2020, at least one member of the Pudik family has attended over 78 public city council, committee of the whole, special council, and other similar City of Washington public meetings. The reason for our attendance is to keep apprised of any and all trunkline project developments should they be discussed in an open meeting session.

No representative of the Pudik family attended any meetings from the beginning of this project in 2015 through 2019. That includes October 15, 2019, Committee of the Whole meeting, where Strand Engineers presented their preliminary design study. That also includes the October 21, 2019, meeting where Mayor Manier asked the council to adopt a resolution accepting the preliminary engineering study report and alignment of the Farm Creek Trunk Sewer.

Pudik family members were absent during the project's planning and design phases from 2015 through 2019 because we were unaware of the trunkline project until we received an "Introductory Letter" from Kaskaskia engineers at the end of February 2020.

On behalf of the Pudik family, thank you for your time.