



City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Meeting Room at Five Points - 360 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, Illinois

Call to Order Mayor Manier called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call Present: Alderpersons Adams, Brownfield, Blundy, 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, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Abbey Strubhar, City Clerk Valeri Brod, City Attorney Derek Schryer and press

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

Citizens Wishing to be Heard Carter Kovach came forward to share pedestrian safety issues he has experienced and has several solutions to share. He stated the entrance to Rolling Meadows has had an injury and people are rolling through right turns at stop lights. He has shared this information with Chief McCoy. Mr. Kovach provided the solution to use stop arms that come down at crosswalks or pedestrian bridges and red-light cameras to catch license plates of people blowing through cross walks. He has also had an issue at Dallas Road bike path when a Washington ambulance rolled through. He feels they should get a ticket.

Review Agenda for Deletions/Additions Alderperson Stevens motioned to remove Consent Agenda Item F and move it to the Public Works section of the agenda for further discussion; Alderperson Blundy seconded.
3 Ayes: Blundy, Smith and Stevens
5 Nays: Adams, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre
Motion failed by roll call vote.

Consent Agenda Mayor Manier presented the Consent Agenda with the removal of the Martin Equipment invoice from Item B, Bills and Payroll.

- A. Approve Minutes of the May 1, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting #1 (Sine Die) and Regular City Council Meeting #2
- B. Approve Bills and Payroll
- C. Approve Write-off of Uncollectible Accounts
- D. Accept the Police Pension Fund Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2023 (Unaudited) per 40 ILCS 5/3-141
- E. Approve Software Support and Annual Fees – Tyler Technologies
- F. Excavator Purchase Authorization

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

Announcements and Proclamations Prior to the presentation, Mayor Manier asked that the Police Department reach out to Mr. Kovach with his concerns.
Deputy Police Chief Stevens shared that on December 7, 2022 the Washington Fire Department and Washington Police Department responded to a call at Lindy's where they found Washington resident Jennifer Gibson doing CPR. He noted that Ms. Gibson had just completed one of her CPR compressions classes. Deputy Chief Stevens thanked everyone and introduced Fire Chief Clint Kuhlman who thanked staff for their professional reaction and countless hours of training. He thanked the Ms. Gibson, who was the real hero, giving time for staff to arrive and respond. Deputy Chief Stevens and Fire Chief Kuhlman presented the Life Saving Award for Outstanding Patient Care to Jennifer Gibson, Officer Moore, Paramedic Lieutenant Reynolds and Paramedic Captain Hamilton. Plaques were awarded and photos were taken.

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

Public Safety Committee Public Safety Committee Chairman Adams stated that they have an item on the Consent Agenda and a resolution.

Public Works Committee Public Works Committee Chairman Brownfield shared one business item.
Bid Award – Ditch Grading Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse shared that Concentric Integration created a SCADA master plan similar to a comprehensive plan. He stated that this will help with future project management and budget planning. This will keep our SCADA plan performing in peak order. Concentric quoted \$17,650 for Water and \$28,750 for

wastewater. Staff budgeted \$20,000 for water and \$30,000 for this fiscal year. Staff recommends this approval.

Aldersperson Brownfield motioned to approve; Aldersperson McIntyre seconded.

8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

The following staff updates were provided:

Mr. Rittenhouse shared that fifteen residents have called about brush pick up so they will pick up brush for them. He also shared that they have rented a paver for work to be done in June and they are working on Memorial Day parade prep.

Mr. Oliphant shared that they are starting to receive tall grass and weed issues.

Mr. Carr shared that Hilldale is starting next week and a letter will go out sharing the story board website. He stated that the ditch grading in Felker's is almost complete and crack sealing is finished. He also shared that the final plans will be submitted for Nofsinger this week and they are waiting for paperwork on a Community Project Grant Award. Mr. Carr shared that the Square sanitary and water main projects are done and will be tested next week. Mr. Carr explained that Freedom Parkway is still waiting on IDOT. This agreement will let IDOT know we have the funding in place and can move forward. He also explained that they will begin drafting the RFQ for Catherine where the pavement type will be decided later. Common Wealth Heritage will be reaching out to the residents along the trunkline this week and we will be looking to gain access for the archeological study soon. Lastly, Mr. Carr shared that Howard should be ready for the June Committee of the Whole meeting, but he will not be able to make it so he is asking to attend the July meeting.

Mayor Mayor Manier thanked City Clerk Brod for planning student government day. He noted that this event has been going on for many years and was well attended. Mayor attended ribbon cutting for the Central School playground today and he was asked speak at the tonight at the band and choral State Champion event for the high school.

City Administrator

Resolution City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration:
Autumn Fest **Synopsis:** Adoption of this resolution would provide permission to partially close Illinois
Temporary Road Business Route 24 at the Washington Square as designated by Section 4 – 408 of the
Closure of a State- Illinois Highway Code on Saturday, September 23, 2023 for the “Washington Autumn
Maintained Roadway Fest”.

Title: A Resolution Authorizing Autumn Fest Temporary Road Closure of a State-Maintained Roadway

Aldersperson Stevens motioned to approve; Aldersperson Adams seconded.

8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration:
Approving Joint **Synopsis:** Adoption of this resolution would appropriate local funds to cover the amount
Funding Agreement exceeding the Federal/State match for construction.
with IDOT **Title:** A Resolution Approving Joint Funding Agreement with IDOT

Aldersperson Adams motioned to approve; Aldersperson Butler seconded.

8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

First Reading Ordinance City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration:
Request by Monical **Synopsis:** Adoption of this ordinance would rezone 1901 Stoneway Drive from I-1, Light
Pizza Corporation to Industrial, to C-2, General Retail.

Rezone 1901 Stoneway **Title:** An Ordinance Approving the Request by Monical Pizza Corporation to Rezone
Drive from I-1 to C-2 1901 Stoneway Drive from I-1 to C-2

(second reading Aldersperson Stevens and Mr. Oliphant clarified that their current lease expires in about
waived) three years and the sooner this is approved, the sooner they can move forward.

Aldersperson Stevens motioned to waive second reading; Aldersperson McIntyre seconded.

8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Aldersperson Butler motioned to approve the ordinance; Aldersperson Stevens seconded.

8 Ayes: Adams, Blundy, Brownfield, Butler, Martin, McIntyre, Smith and Stevens

0 Nays:

Motion carried by roll call vote.

First Reading Ordinance City Administrator Snider provided the following Ordinance for consideration:
Sidewalk Gap **Synopsis:** Adoption of this ordinance would allow for amendment of Chapter 152-
Construction Code Subdivision Code to remove certain sidewalk provisions of the city code pertaining to the
Amendment potential completion of gaps within the sidewalk network and amending Chapter 98 of
the city code, Streets and Sidewalks to add said sidewalk provisions.

Title: An Ordinance Approving a Sidewalk Gap Construction Code Amendment

Alderson Blundy asked how the sidewalk program is being advertised. City Administrator Snider shared that it is on the website and we are open to what the Council suggests. Alderson Blundy suggested bringing it to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Alderson's Comments Alderson Blundy asked if anyone else could come answer questions instead of Howard. Mr. Carr shared that Mr. Howard feels it would be better if he was available which should be in July. Alderson Blundy asked when will the archeology study start. Mr. Carr clarified that the intent is to be out there as soon as they get permission. Mr. Carr also clarified that if the landowners do not give permission, our report will say the homeowners don't consent and the IDNR or ARMY CORPS will approve the permit on the basis that once the land is acquired, they will then go in that area.

Alderson Stevens said that she appreciates student government day and she thinks it would be nice to if elected officials could be in the audience. She noted the same question given to students was asked eighteen years ago. She thanked Clerk Brod and stated that it is a great program. Mayor Manier clarified that it is the school's decision on attendance and student safety is considered.

Adjournment At 6:58 p.m. Alderson Brownfield moved to adjourn; Alderson Butler seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk

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