

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Lincoln City Hall, Council Chambers
700 Broadway Street | Lincoln, Illinois

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Tracy Welch at 7:04 p.m., with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Present:

Alderman Rob Jones, Ward 1
Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1
Alderman Tony Zurkammer, Ward 2
Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2
Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3
Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlf, Ward 3
Alderwoman Kathy Horn, Ward 4
Alderman Rick Hoefle, Ward 4

Staff Present:

Peggy Bateman, City Clerk
Chuck Conzo, City Treasurer
John Hoblit, City Attorney
Matt Vlahovich, Police Chief
Bob Dunovsky, Fire Chief
Walt Landers, Streets Superintendent

Remotely:

Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Officer
Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water, Project Manager

Absent:

Presiding:

Mayor Tracy Welch

Public Comment:

Tyler Stambaugh, president of the Logan County First Responder Foundation, was present at the Council's request. This foundation was founded in 2008 in Nebraska. Their purpose is to raise funds for training and equipment. A walkathon is planned for July 2, 2022 as their first fundraiser.

Request to Permit: Logan County First Responder Foundation, July 2, 2022 from 8:00am – 10:00am for a walkathon around Latham Park, around the square and back to park. This event is to raise money for Logan County First Responders Foundation.

This item will be approved by the department heads.

Opening Bid for Real Estate – 227 N. Kickapoo

One bid was received from Grandpa Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00

Alderman Bateman would like to amend this item to remove the minimum bid of \$25,000 and due by July 31, 2022.

City Attorney Hoblit will bring an amended ordinance, removing the minimum bid of \$25,000, back to the council at the next COW. The timeline for publication will be decided then.

Agreement for Professional Services with Farnsworth Group for 2022 Resurfacing.

All documents for the 2022 Resurfacing are in the packet.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Scarification/Oil & Chip resurfacing targets for 2022.

Approximately 2 miles of roads will be scarified and 1.5 miles of road will be Oil/Chip.

These targets total \$675,000.00. Only \$600,000.00 was budgeted. The city has received \$150,409.00 in reimbursements from IAW for their water main repairs. Street Superintendent Landers suggests leaving the targets where they are and using the IAW reimbursements to cover the additional cost of the budgeted \$600,000.00.

There was additional money from video gaming earmarked for Streets and Alleys. Alderman Hoefle said the overall amount budgeted was around \$1M. The council would like the Street Superintendent to bring alley targets back to the council. Discussion was had regarding whether to oil & chip or gravel the alleys. Gravel will need to be maintained annually, Oil/Chip will last longer but will eventually develop the potholes again from the garbage trucks.

Alderman Rohlfs asked when Tremont Street will be redone. Superintendent Landers shared that the Tremont Street project will be the next target for Rebuild Illinois funds.

There will be engineering costs will oil and chipping alleys but not with gravel.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program Resolution FY 22/23.

This resolution lines out how we can spend Motor Fuel Tax funds.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Discussion to amend Ordinance allowing the use of non-highway vehicles adding UTV's on City Streets.

Alderman Downs was contacted by a constituent to see about allowing UTV's to the Ordinance.

Currently only golf carts are allowed on City Streets.

Alderman Bateman shared that Illinois has passed a law allowing slow moving vehicles on any road in the State of Illinois that has a speed limit under 40 mph.

If approved, UTVs will need to follow the same requirements as golf carts.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Amendment #3 to Appropriations of FY 2021-2022

Copies were given to the council.

City Treasurer explained how Appropriation amendments worked. For example, vehicle liability insurance came in under budget. However, Worker's Compensation went over budget. Amendments will be made to balance those lines.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Announcements:

- Mayor Welch thanked the Street Department for their work on removing the downtown traffic lights and replacing them with decorative stop/street signs. This is saving the City \$360/month in electricity costs.
- Mayor Welch thanked the fire department for their hard work during the Sangamon Street Fire.

- 3rd Friday event is this Friday, June 17, 2022. It is Nashville Night. There will be 4 different bands in four different locations.
- There is a car cruise at the Mill on June 18th. Juneteenth is taking place on June 19th.
- The 3rd tiny home build will begin Saturday June 18th at 7:30am.
- Special Olympics State games will be this weekend in Bloomington. Lincoln athletes will be participating.
- Chief Dunovsky shared that he and Mr. Hoblit have been working on changes in the fire code Chapter 5-3. There is a typo error and a sentence that needs to be removed. The sentence being removed eliminates a loophole that prevents the department from issuing a ticket for an illegal fire. This item will be placed on the regular agenda.
- The roof was installed on the new pavilion at Postville Park today.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Hoelfe motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Zurkammer. All were in favor. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary