

Committee of the Whole Minutes - December 18, 2023

Call to Order by Mayor Latham at 8:06pm

Roll Call

	Roll Call	Absent
Alderman Arnett	X	
Alderwoman Erickson	X	
Alderman Fritsch	X	
Alderwoman Johnson	X	
Alderman Kreinbrink	X	
Alderman Littlebrant	X	
Alderman Robinson	X	
Alderman Whitecotton	X	

Mayor's Report: Todd Latham

Attorney's Report: Attorney Cassandra A. Gottschalk / Foster, Buick, Conklin, Lundgren & Gottschalk Law Group

City Clerk's Report: Denise li

Treasurer's Report: Vacant

City Administrator's Report: Geoff Penman

Mayor went over some highlights from 2023

Police Public Grand Opening Public Safety Building opened

K-9 Diesel retired

Completed nationwide Police Chief search and hired Chief Kevin Senne

Engineering

Paved Main Street between Church and Railroad Street

Paved Lafayette from Center to Arnold

Resurfaced Griswold Springs Road in cooperation with Little Rock Township and Kendall County

Completed Sidewalk and ADA improvements at Lafayette, Washington, 2nd & 3rd Streets

IDOT replaced Route 34 traffic signals

\$14 million dollar Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion funded with low interest loan from IEPA

Refurbish and Repainting of Green Street Water Tower

Pavement Management Plan completed by EEI

Water Department Master Plan completed by EEI

Engineering for Pratt Road Bridge is underway with HLR

Engineering started for Main Street Project By HLR

Utility Improvements for Latham Street in preparation for work in 2024

Mayoral initiatives

Initiated a downtown façade grant program

Initiated downtown beautification program

Worked with Dekalb County and Community members to prevent solar field at Pratt Road

Building Department Issued 170 permits in 2022 and 434 permits in 2023.

Code Enforcement Program initiated

Strong financials

2024 Goals

Continued Commercial and Residential Economic Development

Investment and Streetscape in the Downtown

N. Latham Street Roadwork and Infrastructure Begins

New position for Economic Development and Tourism

Implementing new website and meeting management software

City Department Reports:

EMA Tony Eberle – Nothing further

Police Chief Senne – Nothing further

Engineering – Nothing further

Aldermen Reports

Alderman Adam Arnett (Ward 2)

Alderwoman Karsta Erickson (Ward 3)

Alderman Bill Fritsch (Ward 3)

Alderwoman Rebecca Johnson (Ward 2) -Thanked Fred for the gifts provided

Alderman Fred Kreinbrink (Ward 4)
 Alderman Bill Littlebrant (Ward 1)
 Alderman Rich Robinson (Ward 1)
 Alderman Rick Whitecotton (Ward 4)

Old Business: Designation of Local Delivery Routes / Continued discussion of truck routes – to be discussed further in January

New Business: Presentation by Steve Dennison (EEI) – Water System Master Plan – see attached.

Council will need to continue discussion in January to set new water rates to begin May 1st.

Announcements: Next meeting for the Finance Committee will be on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 at 6:30 PM. The Regular Council meeting will meet at 7 PM on the same date immediately followed by the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Audience Comments: No Audience Comments

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn

VOICE VOTE	Motion	2 nd	Yea	Nay
Alderman Arnett			X	
Alderwoman Erickson			X	
Alderman Fritsch			X	
Alderwoman Johnson	X		X	
Alderman Kreinbrink			X	
Alderman Littlebrant			X	
Alderman Robinson		X	X	
Alderman Whitecotton			X	

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

/s/ Geoff Penman, City Administrator
 & Deputy City Clerk