



Transportation Committee Agenda
West Peoria City Hall
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda
4. Motion to Approve Minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 19, 2022
5. Motion to Receive and File Financial Reports from March 2022
6. Administrator's Report
7. Public Works Manager's Report
8. Public Comment
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Radar Data
 - b. IEPA Goals (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) Section B – refer to last month's handout
 - c. Rebuild Illinois funds and possible projects
10. New Business
 - a. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Fund Discussion
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Transportation Committee is Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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Notice of Potential Majority of Quorum of the City Council

In accordance with the provisions of 5 ILCS 120 (The Illinois Open Meetings Act), notice is hereby given that a majority of a quorum of the West Peoria City Council and its committees, may be in attendance at this meeting. This event is designed to discuss City matters according to Committee descriptions.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 GOALS

1. Continue the new sidewalk program and persist with ongoing sidewalk repairs.
2. Coordinate the engineering aspect of the Nirvana Gardens Project.
3. Pursue storm sewer improvement projects as needed and on Richmond Avenue.
4. Pursue projects to continually improve roads and alleys throughout the City.
5. Work with the Finance Committee and investigate possibilities where TIF funds can be used to support public infrastructure projects.
6. Continue working on Illinois Environmental Protection Agency/National Pollution Discharge Elimination System & Storm Water Management Plan (IEPA – NPDES – SWMP).
 - a. Complete GIS storm sewer mapping
7. Research other cities, similar in size and potentially develop alternative (outside-the-box) solutions to issues we are dealing with.
8. Continue to work with Residents' Association and fellow Council members on City-wide initiatives, specific to transportation.
9. Continue working with Public Safety to Slow Down West Peoria.
10. Develop a plan and project list for Rebuild IL funds to best serve the Community.
11. Develop and maintain a 5-10 year plan for Street Department types of equipment and vehicles.



Transportation Committee Official Minutes

West Peoria City Hall

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Chair Silver called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Members present were Chair Silver and Alderperson Edmonds. Alderperson Thomas was absent. Also present were City Administrator Krider, Public Works Manager Hess, Alderpersons Abraham and Dohm, resident Bonnie Farrell, and Clerk Barnes. Alderperson Reagan and resident Priscilla Peterson attended remotely.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2022 regular meeting was made by Alderperson Edmonds and seconded by Chair Silver. **Motion carried.**
5. A Motion to receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports for March 2022 was made by Alderperson Edmonds and seconded by Chair Silver. **Motion carried.**
6. Administrator's Report – There was no report this month.
7. Public Works Manager's Report – Manager Hess reported that he has been waiting on contractors for the sidewalk projects to contact him about when the work will begin. It is slated to begin next month. He is also waiting for bids for sealcoating that will be done later. The crew has been mowing a lot of grass on City-owned properties. They put up 3 new stop signs and a No Parking sign.
8. Public Comment: The new sign on the west side of Sterling at the bottom of the hill for the Maintenance looks nice.
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Radar Data – for Heading Avenue from Sterling to Western and Western to Sterling was reviewed. It appears that about 45% of drivers speed on that road. There was a discussion about what possible remedies there are for this.
 - 1) Have a Street Study done at a price of \$4,475.00 for each location. This may result in having the street speed changed to something higher, not lower.
 - 2) Purchase a permanent flashing radar sign.
 - 3) Add stop signs, specifically at Heading and Waverly.
 - 4) Ask Deputies to focus in that area for more tickets written.

It was also noted that Sterling Hill is an area that needs to have speeding reduced. Perhaps that should be using radar signs also.
 - b. IEPA Goals (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) Section B – refer to last month's handout. Each month the Committee will be discussing the IEPA form for reporting what the City is doing to protect our environment. It was suggested that residents also be involved in protecting our living space on earth. There are already programs such as the Clean-Up Day the City just held, and the Walk-the-Wards clean-up days where residents are invited to join the Alderpersons in cleaning up our City – block by block throughout our Wards. Recycling is important (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). The Residents' Association informs residents of things to keep in mind like not putting grass clippings in the street, keeping animal waste where it needs to be contained, etc.

Perhaps there are those who would help with clean-up days for the Kickapoo Water Shed, and the Friends of Rocky Glen clean-up of Horseshoe Bottoms.

It was suggested that a survey for brainstorming other things that can be done by all of us be put on our website so residents can help formulate our policies of the future.

Next month the Committee will look at Section C – **Please be prepared to discuss the items in that Section.**

c. Rebuild Illinois funds and possible projects

There was a discussion about possible uses for over \$300,000.00 funds from the State of Illinois that have several restrictions about how it may be used. It must be spent by July 1, 2025, and must be bondable infrastructure work, and following MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) guidelines, including the use of engineers for the work which will use up quite a bit of those funds.

One suggestion for the use of these funds was the reworking Downs Circle – street and sidewalks. Downs Circle is one of the City’s “Red Zone Streets”, needing much improvement.

Another suggestion was upgrading Farmington Road with curbs and sidewalks. A problem with this suggestion was that the road is a State Route, and we may be limited with what we can do there. The area of Waverly and Calendar is yet another area of concern. While the work needs to be decided soon to get the process going, **this discussion will continue next month.**

10. New Business

a. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds Discussion

The Federal government is sending funding to help municipalities recover from some of the effects of COVID-19. There will be over \$600,000.00 available to our City from this Act. The Finance Committee is asking for input from each Committee about how these funds should be used, with all final suggestions in to Finance by the end of July. Then they will make the final determination and take it to Council. This information must then be submitted to the Federal Government. The monies will be awarded by December 2024 and must be spent by December 2026.

The end of the discussion suggested that we claim “Loss of Revenue” and then decide what to do with those funds.

It was further suggested that suggestions for both the Rebuild Illinois Funds and the ARPA Funds be coordinated as to the projects that need to be done and prioritized accordingly.

Perhaps a “Working Special Meeting” of all Alderpersons could be managed.


11. Public Comment: The Committee was asked to consider not only what needs to be done concerning the speeding on Heading Avenue now, but also once Unity Point opens in a year.

12. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Edmonds at 6:33 p.m. and seconded by Chair Silver.

Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,


Mary M. Barnes, Clerk

