

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Monday, May 1, 2017 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Bob Brucks, Dave Dingledine, and Jim Gee

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Jim Culotta, City Administrator; Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director; and Kevin Schone, Public Works Supervisor.

Alderman Jim Gee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Alderman Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: None.
2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: Alan Biagini of 617 Simon Street said there are numerous weeds at the detention basin abutting Dallas Road and Simon. Staff indicated all of the city-owned basins are mowed periodically in order to keep the tall grass/weeds in check. A scheduled business item will address this in further detail later during the meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the April 3, 2017, meeting was unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
 - A. Water Treatment Plant No. 1 Improvement Status – Plans for the WTP#1 improvements were reviewed with the City's consulting engineer, CMT, on Friday. An IEPA permit has already been submitted. IEPA has stated 65 days for the review, which leads to two possible schedules. An aggressive timeline would have a final completion date of November 29, 2017. A more typical timeline would have a final completion date of January 3, 2018. The current cost of construction is \$375,000. A time-and-materials contract has been prepared by CMT with an estimated cost of \$51,200 using an average of three four-hour days per week of onsite observation for a four-month period. The committee recommended that this be scheduled for approval on the consent agenda at the May 15 City Council meeting.
 - B. Detention Basin Mowing/Maintenance – A request to mow and maintain the Simon Street basin more frequently offered staff the opportunity to consider the mowing frequency and additional lawn care (i.e. weed treatment) at all city-owned basins. A review of County Assessor records shows that 23 of the inventoried basins are titled/deeded to the City. The typical mowing frequency is every 2-4 weeks depending on the conditions with our two mowers. The City's commodities contract with Golf Green only makes for a provision for lawn treatment at areas such as the Square, Cemetery, Police Department, and City Hall. Weed control treatments are Roundup-type spraying along the roadway curbline. The committee recommended that staff secure quotes for the treatment of all basins and that staff can begin work after the quotes are obtained.

- C. New Subdivision Roadway Designations – Staff has considered a proactive determination of collector roads in order identify those roads that will be subject to higher traffic volumes and therefore, would deteriorate faster than local roads if they are not built to accommodate the increased impact. Staff feels that those roads that are identified during the platting process as being a collector street should have 4” of asphalt as opposed to the 3” that is part of a local road. The committee agreed with this as a future requirement. Staff will begin to draft a code amendment to require this as part of the subdivision construction process in the future.
- D. Annual Watering/Maintenance Square Entrance Signs – Staff solicited bids from four local landscaping companies for the annual maintenance of the Square planters/parking lot landscaping and the four community entrance signs that have landscaping. Fletcher Landscapes submitted the only bid for this work in a total amount of \$11,846. The total cost is the same as for FY 16-17. The committee recommended approval of the authorization request and it is scheduled for approval at the May 1 City Council meeting.
- E. Sewer Treatment Plant No. 2 Phase 2A Inspection Services Update – The City Council originally approved a contract with Strand Associates in October 2013 to assist with bidding and limited construction administrative services. This was done as a time-and-material contract for \$198,000. The STP #2 Phase 2A project was delayed following the November 2013 tornado and a contract was subsequently approved in June 2015 that increased the base amount to \$221,300 due to increased costs over that intervening period. The contract also provided for optional full-time observation services along with O&M Manuals for both Phase 2A and the previous Phase 1 project. The costs are loan-eligible and project to be no more than 15% of the awarded \$3.5 million construction cost. The upper end of these services would be \$525,600, or an additional \$304,300 compared to the base services. The committee recommended approval of this modification of Strand’s contract. This will be scheduled for approval at the May 15 City Council meeting.

5. Other Business:

- A. Bids were opened on April 28 for the Cruger Road Phase 1 TAP project. C&G Concrete had the low bid of \$323,000. While an update will be provided at the May 8 Committee of the Whole, the City’s consent to allow IDOT to award was discussed. Alderman Dingledine stated that this typically has not come back before Council since it was. An update will be provided to City Council.
- B. Staff has had dialogue with the engineer for Michael’s Italian Feast. Talks are progressing in determining a solution to address necessary drainage concerns resulting from the property.
- C. Staff has yet to hear from the TP&W Railroad concerning repairs to the crossings. Staff will continue to pursue that dialogue.
- D. A meeting for the Sewer Treatment Plant #2 work is scheduled for Monday.
- E. Staff has not received pricing on the AMR antennae.
- F. A water/sewer rate pricing study is included as part of the FY 17-18 budget.

G. Recent heavy rains contributed to flooding on various streets in the city, including Adams and Eldridge.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:17 p.m.