

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Monday, July 3, 2017 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield, 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 Brownfield 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: Lily Stevens asked that two photos and an invoice for the cleaning of a drainage ditch in Sunnysdale Estates be included in the June meeting minutes.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the June 12, 2017, meeting were not approved in order to include the photos and invoice mentioned above. The minutes will be scheduled for approval at the August meeting.
4. Business Items:
 - A. Skid Steer Acquisition – Through budget discussions for this fiscal year, the addition of another skid steer was adopted. This would be in addition to the City's current five-year-old CAT 262 wheeled skid steer which is assigned to the Sewer Department for handling of sludge at the drying beds at both plants. The need for a skid steer at the Sewer Department is projected to remain as the drying beds are supplemented with the sludge press since there will still be handling and placement of the pressed sludge in the drying beds areas for interim storage. Staff obtained quotes from four vendors. The CAT, Bobcat, and Deere units all demonstrated well with staff and seemed to be well supported locally. Bobcat would be able to make a loaner available if we ordered one while Deere would have a slightly higher-build machine in stock for purchase. The committee recommended that this item be scheduled for the July Committee of the Whole item for further discussion.
 - B. Vacuum Truck Acquisition – The City's current 2008 dual-engine Vactor truck is under a 10-year replacement schedule. Through the current budget year discussions, its replacement was advanced by two years to allow for an upgrade to a tandem unit with additional capacity. This unit serves as frontline for not only jetting sewers but also for hydro-excavating, potholing for critical JULIE locates, and other underground infrastructure. The current budgeted amount is \$400,000 with a projected trade-in value of \$77,500 and an accrued MERF replacement budget of \$287,900, leaving an outlay to be split by 75%-12.5%-12.5% (Sewer-Streets-Water) depending on the option selected. Staff received bids for Vactor and Vac-Con units. Staff feels that the dual engine Vactor unit priced at \$281,210 is the recommended option. This will be stricken from tonight's City Council agenda and will be scheduled for further discussion at the COW meeting next week.

- C. Downtown Square Streetscape Lighting – Ameren presented the City of Washington with a Progressive City award last year that came with a \$2,500 grant to be used toward a community project that “improves services or enhances the quality of life of our residents and businesses.” One such means of utilizing this funding was to apply it towards the purchase of a new decorative streetlight for the Square. An allocation was made near the new southeast Square parking lot for a light to be provided near the Ipava State Bank drive-thru lanes to provide light along Ford Lane and the west end of the parking lot. Staff received quotes through Ty Slonneger for 18’ poles and with either a single-head or five-head fixtures and either HPS or LED from Sternberg and Sun Valley Lighting. These would be intended to closely match the existing poles and fixtures and ensure consistency throughout the Square. The single-head LED fixture from Sun Valley was the recommendation of the committee. It also recommended that it be an acorn-style light. The quotes are for globe-style, so staff will solicit quotes for the acorn-style. This will be scheduled for discussion at the July COW meeting prior to scheduling for approval at an upcoming Council meeting.
- D. 72” Mower Acquisition – The City currently provides a 1996 Bob-Cat Ransome mower to the Fire Department so they can mow the fire station property, which is city-owned. It is an owned, maintained, and inventoried mower in the City’s fleet but was not scheduled for replacement. A review of the current mowing arrangement would allow for the acquisition of a 72” diesel powered unit to better assist with the larger area mowing at the Sewer Treatment Plants and provide backup support to the Streets Department. Staff received quotes from two vendors: Martin Sullivan and MTI/Wieland’s. Staff and committee recommended the purchase of the Toro GM 3280 from MTI/Wieland’s in an amount of \$23,640. Even though the John Deere 1570 had a slightly lower quote, the recommendation was for the Toro due to current engine issues with the Deere. This is scheduled for approval at tonight’s Council meeting.

5. Staff Updates:

- A. Staff received an inquiry from a resident near School Street regarding trees that had previously been planted near the detention basin at School and Lexington. Staff will look to get suggestions on possible replacement trees and the anticipated cost.
- B. Kevin Schone also reported on one of the rear yard detention basins in Sunnysdale Estates that a member of the HOA raised concerns with. Fall in the basin was verified at 1’ for its length, but there was some slight settlement (approximately 1”) at the inlet of the pipe end section that was contributing to the same 1” depth of water standing at that location. The water itself is sump drain discharges into the basin.

6. Other Business:

- A. Bids for work on W. Jefferson have been advertised with a bid opening scheduled for July 17.
- B. Staff will look for feedback on sump lines and a cost share for any improvements and will bring this topic to a future COW meeting.

- C. The planned improvements to Lexington will not be ready for the July COW meeting but should be ready for the first August Council meeting.
- D. WTP #1 is being rebid.
- E. A quote from Cullinan is being obtained for assistance with ADA ramps will be constructed on N. Main and Centennial.
- F. Alderman Gee said that he talked to someone from Rep. LaHood's office who indicated that two railroad crossings per calendar budget could be repaired.
- G. Staff will send a letter to an owner on Market Street who has tall grass/weeds in violation of city code.
- H. Staff will attempt to notify any residents with vehicles parked on the street of the need to move them during street sweeping.
- I. A possible upcoming COW agenda item would address the Illinois American Water topic.
- J. Staff will get prices on the spraying of weeds for the recreation trails from the contractor currently doing weed spraying for the City.
- K. Everything is in place to start the Cruger Road Phase 1 rec trail construction pending State approval.
- L. Staff will let the committee know of any upcoming opportunities to demo equipment.
- M. Staff will remove heaving humps on S. Market this year.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:26 p.m.