

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Monday, February 5, 2018 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Dave Dingledine, and Jim Gee.

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

Alderman 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: None.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the January 2, 2018, meeting was unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
 - A. Capital Improvement Plan Update/Discussion – Staff presented possible capital projects and solicited input from the committee. It was suggested that a change may be made from trap rock to pea gravel for new street construction. Staff will show the comparisons of different materials and bring to a future PWC meeting. It was noted that the cemetery is an option for sealcoating, N. Cummings north of the Bypass may be beyond the point where sealcoat is an option, and that the City could possibly borrow East Peoria's cracksealer. Possible HMA options include, Freedom, N. Cummings, School, and Hillcrest (south of Kern). Next week's COW meeting will include a discussion on street priorities given projected revenues for FY 18-19.
 - B. Snow Parking Ban Discussion – During snow events, the Public Works crews first handle the through lanes then the parking lanes. It is estimated it takes four hours to do a first pass with another four hours for the parking lanes (which is dependent on the amount of snow). City Code currently offers a 12-hour notice to residents to move their vehicles during snow events. Staff has proposed potentially reducing that in order to allow plow operations to move more efficiently. Any notices are sent out as early as possible to have a bigger impact on reducing the number of parked vehicles. The committee recommended that such notices be reduced to six hours. This will be scheduled for discussion at next week's COW meeting.
 - C. S. Elm Street Park Designation – The family of Wally King has offered to donate a property it owns on S. Elm and for it to become a park that would be named after Wally. The Park District has indicated it would accept ownership and maintenance responsibilities with the City providing initial assistance before the park is established. The City would also assist financially with any benches and signage.
5. Staff Updates:

- A. School Crosswalks – IDOT Bureau of Safety sent a notice this morning to submit locations for crosswalk installations or improvements on state routes as part of a 100% federally funded program under the umbrella of the Safe Routes to School program. The crosswalks need to be within two miles of a K-8 school and construction must be completed by October 31, 2019 to qualify. The primary improvements include upgrading signing, upgrading striping, flashers, and new crosswalk locations. IDOT has set a deadline of Friday for submittals to District 4, which will then submit all locations to Bureau of Safety by March 1. Staff has put together a list of the qualifying crosswalks. Nearly every crosswalk on a state route in the city meets the minimum criteria of being within two miles of a K-8 school. Staff will proceed with submitting a comprehensive list and will await any other feedback from IDOT.

6. Other Business:

- A. Staff and the contractor for the salt shed construction are waiting for warmer weather to place linseed oil on the floor. Operations are possibly near the end of this season.
- B. STP #2 mixer – This needs to be painted, which is dependent on warmer weather. A tent will be built when the weather improves.
- C. The TP&W Railroad is still looking into the possible repair and cost share of the city's crossings. Staff will continue to monitor this.
- D. Staff will need to get a permit from the TP&W Railroad for the work at the Diebel detention basin.
- E. Staff is looking at possible repairs to curbs on S. Main near the Danforth alley.
- F. Staff is considering proposing a possible subdivision code amendment that would allow for narrower residential streets while requiring wider sidewalks and a more substantial base. Staff will likely schedule this for further discussion at the March PWC meeting.
- G. Only three of the six lights on Legion are on the city account with Ameren. The city pays around \$10 per pole per month.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:20 p.m.