

City of Washington  
Public Work Committee  
Monday, April 2, 2018 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield and Dave Dingledine.

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Bob Brucks, Alderman; Daniel Cobb, Alderman; Jim Culotta, City Administrator; Gary Manier, Mayor; 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: Walter Ruppman stated that RoadBotics could potentially be used to assess the condition of W. Holland. He asked the City to consider a policy to reuse the brick in the repair of brick streets. Alderman Gee noted that Garden City, KS, could be used as a model for consideration.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the March 5, 2018, meeting was unanimously approved, noting that Mary Kerr had asked at the March meeting about the preservation/cost of the city's brick streets.
4. Business Items:
  - A. Commodity Bid Awards – Many FY 18-19 commodity bids are scheduled for award approval at the City Council meeting to follow. These are: 1) Hot-mix asphalt (low bid: River City Supply in an amount of \$22,750); 2) Water and sewage treatment chemicals (low bid: Brentag Mid-South, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of liquid chlorine, hydrofluosilicic acid, liquid ferric chloride, polymer, and phosphate); 3) Class SI ready-mix concrete (low bid: Roanoke Concrete in an amount of \$16,570); 4) Water softener salt (low bid: Cargill Salt in an amount of \$106.23 per ton or \$132,787.50); 5) Tree maintenance contract (low bid: Durden & Sons Tree Service for tree removal, stump removal, and tree trimming services); 6) Weed spraying (low bid: Golf Green for weed control at Glendale Cemetery, the Medians/Square, and Firehouse and vegetation control near curb and gutter as well as full width road spraying). These were recommended for approval by the committee.
  - B. Brush Hog Skid Steer Attachment – The FY 17-18 budget includes an additional tracked skid steer with a brush hog attachment in an amount of \$85,000. The machine itself was purchased last fall at a cost of \$65,000, with the decision on the specific type of brush cutter attachment intentionally left open so as to better evaluate the machine and cutter options. Staff has found that the Mega Mower by Quick Attachment is a solid mix between a conventional brush hog unit and a flail type unit. It is a 72" deck hybrid that will cut up to 6" diameter trees and has an operating flow rate of 30 to 40 gpm. It should provide the versatility needed for maintaining sewer alignments as well as brush hog mowing in many of the detention basins. Staff recommends the purchase at a cost of \$6,383. The committee supports this purchase, which is scheduled for approval at the following City Council meeting.

5. Staff Updates:

- A. The annual Square/entrance signs watering and maintenance contract was sent to four bidders. It is scheduled for approval on the consent agenda for the May 7 City Council meeting.
- B. The new Square parking lots are now in operation. The coping was hit again recently and the accident is under investigation.
- C. Staff was working on completing some of additional earth work moving at Legion in support of the truck circulation road and load out pad at the new salt shed at Legion.
- D. It is anticipated that the Spurgeon utility acquisition will be completed by the end of May.
- E. There is no price discount for the purchase of bulk softener salt. The City has used a little more than 1,000 tons this season.
- F. The TP&W RR plans on a crossing improvement at Dee-Mack during FY 18. There is nothing identified for improvement within the city limits.
- G. Transmaps has been selected by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to assist in the regional roadway assessment. RoadBotics will do an annual update.
- H. Staff recently attended the latest regional hazard mitigation plan meeting. Staff's "homework" is to identify specific projects to offer as part of the plan. This is due to TCRPC in June.

6. Other Business:

- A. Staff is awaiting the clearance from the TP&W railroad for work near the Diebel Road detention basin. The permit has a fee of \$3,000. Letters will be drafted to the adjacent property owners when the permit is ready.
- B. Another street sweep is being prepared for this spring.
- C. Seal cost program: GSB88 loses the aesthetic appeal of trap rock. The cost for both is likely a concern and other options should be considered. East Peoria is currently using the product.
- D. Staff has a lot of trap rock available.
- E. Communication with IDOT is continually needed for the construction on Business Route 24 from Cummings to the Square. A full reconstruction cost is needed for consideration as a jurisdictional transfer.
- F. Staff has reached out to East Peoria to use its equipment to help with cracksealing.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 5:45 p.m.