

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Monday, February 4, 2019 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield, Dave Dingledine, and Jim Gee.

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; 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: Sharon and John Amdall read aloud the attached letter regarding funding for street reconstruction. Lili Stevens asked about the consideration of the rehabilitation of Zinser instead of W. Holland.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the January 7, 2019, meeting was unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
 - A. Payment Authorization: Lincoln 9 Repairs, Centre State International Trucks – One of the City's plow trucks, Lincoln 9, a 2007 International, was brought to Centre State International on January 14 for an oil pan replacement, as it had rusted a hole in it and started to leak. The driver's side seatbelt assembly was also repaired at this time due to sticking of the retractor. The oil pan was replaced as well as the seatbelt retractor and the truck was test driven to make sure these two problems were fixed. During the test drive, the check engine light came on and the truck was returned to Centre State's shop for diagnosis. It was determined that the turbo charger had failed. The turbo charger was ordered and installed and the final invoice for the oil pan, seatbelt retractor, and turbo charger repairs totaled \$5,350.29. This truck will become a backup truck once the new single axle ordered last summer arrives. The current backup truck, Lincoln 5, a 2006 International, was put in service while the repairs were being made and allowed to keep city streets cleared. There are sufficient funds within the budget for these repairs and staff is recommending payment to Centre State in the amount of \$5,350.29. The committee also recommended this payment. It is scheduled for approval on the Council consent agenda on February 4.
 - B. Amended Purchase Authorization: Liquid Ferric Chloride, Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. – Council approved expenditures of \$9,900 in April 2018 for the purchase of ferric chloride to be used at the wastewater treatment facility. The ferric chloride is used to precipitate phosphorous from the wastewater to help meet our plant effluent limits as permitted by the IEPA. A chemical bid tab was submitted in April 2018 for review and approval by Council. The bid tab was incorrect, as it only showed funding for two shipments of ferric to be used during the fiscal year in the amount of \$9,675. Because of this error, staff is seeking approval to allow for the additional two shipments of ferric that are needed to keep the treatment plant in compliance. This year's budget has \$20,000 included for the purchase of the ferric chloride. Staff

recommends approval for an amount not-to-exceed the total budgeted amount of \$20,000. The committee also recommended this payment. It is scheduled for approval on the Council consent agenda on February 4.

- C. Ameren Energy Incentive Opportunity: Overhead Lighting, BR 24 & N. Cummings Lane – In late December 2018, some of the luminaries (OH lights) were repaired by Laser Electric under IDOT's master services agreement. As the parent jurisdiction, IDOT administers repairs and invoices the City. Laser also addressed lights at Freedom Parkway/McClugage and School Street/IL Route 8. Through follow-up dialogue with Laser, they prepared a sample estimate of LED replacement under Ameren's program at the Freedom intersection. On January 28, ice intrusion into the controller cabinet compromised the lighting control circuit. Laser effected temporary repairs, but also mentioned that this may be an opportunity to act on the LED incentives. It is estimated that these costs would be within the acting City Administrator's authority for the replacements at Cummings and BR 24, but consideration of budgeting for LED's sytemwide in FY 19-20 is also a consideration. These would include School/IL Route 8, Freedom/McClugage, Wilmor/BR 24, and N. Cummings/US 24. Other City-owned OH lighting would be reviewed and budgeted with RNS Electric. These would include lights along Mt. Vernon/Constitution, the eastern leg of Freedom, BR 24 lighting from the viaduct to the Square, and BR 24 lighting from Harvey to Lynn. Other OH lighting is owned by Ameren and flat-rate charged to the City. While the total cost is to be determined, it is likely to be less than \$50,000. Any new lights would be LED. The City could assist with the maintenance with lower level lights while RNS would handle taller lights. The typical cost share for stoplights would be for IDOT to handle the primary roads and the City paying for those on side streets.

5. Staff Updates:

- A. The RFQ for the Square streetscape Phase 1 engineering was released last week. Most of this cost (80%) was obtained through ITEP.
- B. Staff continues to fight with snow. Hydrants and inlets are priorities to be kept clear. It was also reported that about 35 mailboxes have been hit.
- C. The City has used about 300 more tons of salt sine the last Council meeting.
- D. A little more than \$400,000 is earmarked for this year's sealcoat program. Streets include those in Firethorn, Amanda, and around Jefferson.
- E. There are four property owners impacted by the sewer trunk line.
- F. The N. Lawndale progress meeting is this week. A public meeting will follow, with no date set. Among the items to consider are ADA and clean-outs.

6. Other Business: The City will allow the Homeway Homes crane to travel on city streets (in conformance with all applicable city code regulations) upon issuance of a \$50,000 damage bond. This is the same as the bond that PEG had for its utility work within right-of-way.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Comments

Public Works Committee, Finance Committee, and Washington City Council

Subject: Funding for Street Reconstruction

Thank you for the City of Washington plans to launch the reconstruction of the 100-year-old street, sewer, water, storm sewer, and sidewalk infrastructure. We especially appreciate that the 2019 plans include reconstruction of both an asphalt and a brick street.

However, we are deeply concerned that the 2019 planned street reconstruction is being funded mostly through reserve funds.

We feel that this sets the wrong expectations.

Based on prior statements from the City Staff, about 20 miles of Washington streets require reconstruction. The City Staff has shown data that this will cost about \$5.5 Million per mile.

Without a clear funding strategy, the 2019 street reconstruction will establish expectations for future street reconstruction that future City Leaders will struggle to fulfill.

We recognize that a practical funding strategy may require time to determine and actually implement. Therefore reserve funds may be required to accomplish the 2019 plans. We would request that the Washington Council Committees and the Washington City Council establish a funding plan for the 20 miles of street reconstruction before final approval to use reserve funds for the planned 2019 street reconstruction.

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