

City of Washington
Public Works Committee
Monday, October 7, 2019 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield, Dave Dingledine, and Lili Stevens.

Also Present: Ray Forsythe, City Administrator; Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director; and Kevin Schone, Public Works Supervisor, John and Sharon Amdall, Donna Cimino, Ryan Rediger with FBI Buildings, and Mayor Gary Manier

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

- A. Non-Alderman Wishing to be Heard: **None.**
- B. Citizens Wishing to be Heard: ***Donna Ciminio wanted to discuss 1305 Prince George Court and the flooding that has occurred three times at her home. She distributed information and explained her situation regarding having her basement flood while being connected to the City's collection lines. It was determined that debris was getting in the lines causing the issues. Kevin suggested the 90-degree angles be changed to 45-degree angles. He will also investigate who or what is the source by the end of the week.***
- C. Approval of Minutes – One correction needed for the September 3, 2019 minutes – Mrs. Amdall made the suggestion that the City should create a website for the N. Lawndale and W. Holland Special Service Areas so residents had a source for truthful and/or complete information. ***Alderman Dingledine motioned to approve the minutes based on the amended verbiage. Alderman Stevens seconded the motion. All approved.***
- D. Business Items:
 - A. Residency Policy Consideration – Ray - A petition was received from the Public Works Union seeking to change the Residency Policy from 15 minutes to 20 miles. The Union contract currently states 15 minutes. Ray distributed a chart that plotted all the City employees from Five Points. Furthest employee is 29 minutes/16.9 miles away in Pekin. Looking for direction regarding the time versus miles and whether to keep the same or change it. ***Committee discussed it and decided to keep it as is and not change the policy.***
 - B. IL American Water, Water Meter Request – Jon - He read the memo from Item B regarding IL American Water requesting to be connected to the City's water for their wastewater treatment plant at 1712 Kern Road. He would like to see if there is any interest in allowing the connection without annexation with the additional fees to be paid. Committee had questions regarding the usage amount, the reasons why they want to connect and their current charges versus the City's. ***Committee requested further investigating before deciding.***
 - C. Bid Award: Equipment and Storage Building, Waste Water Treatment Plant No. 2 – Kevin read the memo for Item C regarding the need for the new building, the bids that were received and the recommendation that the contract be awarded to FBI Buildings. Alderman Stevens would like a list of the additional equipment that is at the site. Alderman Dingledine requested the dimensions of the building and how soon can the

project begin. Mr. Rediger from FBI Buildings stated 36x56x16 and stated they were pretty available. ***All committee members approved and is on the City Council's agenda for tonight under staff reports.***

- D. Contract Authorization: Sewer Lift Stations Variable Frequency Drives, Britton Electronics*** – Kevin read the first paragraph of Item D. He explained that the VFDs are important because they help with the stops and starts on the pumps. Currently there are float backups which tend to get grease on them and then they don't want to float. The pressure transducer is below the surface of that material and will do a better job. The floats will still be there and act as a backup. He then read the second paragraph regarding the quotes. Under this project, Britton quoted it with them doing the Ameren incentives themselves saving Kevin from doing the paperwork. The estimated incentives are included in the quote which totals at \$44,610. ***Alderman Dingledine had questions about the pricing compared to previous projects and specifics regarding the transducers. The pricing is the same and the technical answers were unknown. Committee approved the project.***

E. Staff Updates:

- A. Jon – He had a follow-up with the Square business owners 10 days ago regarding the open house. Everyone was largely satisfied when talking about the possibility of decreasing the amount of lost green space in the interior part of the Square. It was a primary concern that the business owners took away from the open house. There is a possibility that it would reduce about 10% which seemed pretty satisfactory to the owners. Approval and official word are still needed from IDOT and the State Historical Preservation office. He will start proceeding with the project report. The initial plan was to give an update to the Committee of the Whole so everyone understands what we are submitting to IDOT is the final report before we proceed. Have not received anything new since last week.
- B. Kevin - Brush pick up is next week. Next Monday is Columbus Day and the high school is going to be out. There is a wet spot between Tizzy and the high school. Been trying to find a good time to fix it. Would like to do that Monday but it will require a road closure. He will work with Jeff Stevens to put out a notice. Hoping to find it and get it serviced the same day.
- C. Ray – He thanked the committee for attending the public hearings. He received good feedback. Friday begins the sixty-day time period to wait for residents' response. In the meantime, he is finalizing the plans and answering questions that were presented. Sixty days gives time to finish everything. He'll hopefully have a full schedule for the committee shortly.

MFT fund update – Hoping George Merkle from Maurer-Stutz would provide an update but he wasn't able to finish it so Ray should have it tomorrow and will send it out. He is finishing the process and taking it to IDOT and get their approval and sign-offs. Will give an update tomorrow.

- D. Kevin – talked to Bret at Ace in the Hole. The reason they stopped where they are at is because they had gone through all the crack seal money that was budgeted. Still wanting to get Kern road finished, Wilmore and North Cummings completed so some funds will be shifted. Ed was concerned with the size of the pucks that were used. Bret stated it was the size they always used and did what they thought they needed to do.

F. Other Business:

- A. Alderman Stevens – Was under the impression from the bio urn meeting that trees were not allowed to be planted at the cemetery and did not realize Kevin was also responsible for the cemetery. Kevin explained that certain types of trees were allowed and his responsibilities regarding the cemetery.
- B. Alderman Dingleline – He walked around different neighborhoods and realized we really need to ensure we are budgeting for curb repair. Kevin stated that Oakwood, Devonshire and Belle Aire are the worst and there is \$150,000 in the budget but a project has not been assigned. Ray suggested it would be a good summer intern project.
- C. Ray – New administrative assistant, Audrey Miller, is taking notes.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:05 p.m.