

City of Washington  
Public Works Committee  
Monday, October 5, 2020 – **Minutes**

Location: Five Points Banquet Room D

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield and Dave Dingledine.

Also Present: City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, and City Engineer Dennis Carr and Planning & Development Director Jon Oliphant. Present Via ZOOM included Aldermen Brett Adams, Lili Stevens and Daniel Cobb, Executive Administrative Assistant Maureen Lyons, John and Sharon Amdall

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

1. Alderman Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:
  - A. Alderwoman Stevens requested a Business 24 reconstruction update. Alderman Brownfield stated that there are no updates at this time. Jon Oliphant added that while we do not know when engineering will start, once it does, we can anticipate the project starting two years after.
2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:
  - A. David Rabb – Expressed concern about increasing sewer/water rates that took place in East Peoria. Mr. Rabb was wondering if that sort of increase would take place in Washington. Public Works Director reassured the group that while rates are expected to go up about 2.5% each year, the type of extreme increase that Mr. Rabb is discussing is not anticipated. He also stated that the City is in the habit of informing residents if a water leak may be happening on their property. Also, Alderman Brownfield said that a rate study was completed a few years back and the increases to update infrastructure were deemed reasonable.
  - B. Jeannette Glueck - Also spoke regarding disapproval for possible infrastructure repair and major cost increases. She worried that since East Peoria was hit “hard and heavy,” is it plausible that Washington could experience the same? Alderman Dingledine reassured her that the intent of the Washington water and sewer system is to not make money but there is a cost associated with maintaining a superior system and producing a quality product. Alderman Adams also noted that recommended proposals came in at a much higher rate than the City agreed upon. He feels that a fair rate is in place for the future work that needs to be done.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman Dingledine made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 8, 2020. Alderman Adams seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried and minutes were approved.
4. Business Items:
  - A. Holland Street Pay Request #1/Change Order #1 – On August 3, 2020, City Council award the construction of Holland Street to Otto Baum for a price of \$597,833.66. Since work began, there is one proposed change order for an additional \$34,193.30.

In regards to the property at 110 W. Holland, the existing water and sanitary line run the property off the neighbor to the west. The proposal, and reason for the change order, is to run a new sanitary and water line to prevent the lines from running through multiple properties and to create cleanout to allow for future cleaning. It was explained that this change that will need to happen at some point and Dennis Carr recommended that the lines be rerouted and done correctly right now. Alderman Dingledine agreed and said, “This is the time to do it.”

Motion to move forward with the increased contract amount of \$34,193.30 was made by Alderman Adams and seconded by Alderman Dingledine. Motion passed.

- B. Storm Pump Reconditioning – Over the past year, Wastewater Staff have noticed a reduction of pumping capacity in one of the three Storm Pumps used at the wastewater treatment facility. Pump #1 is not pumping as efficiently as Pumps #2, #3, taking well over a minute to do what the other two pumps can do in 17 seconds. Public Works Director Kevin Schone also recalled that since he started in 1996, Pump #1 has never needed work.

Staff sought three quotes for storm pump repairs with the resulted efforts coming in anywhere from \$15,000.83 to \$27,535.00. Kevin Schone proposed that since it is common for extra issues to arise once work is started, he would like to see approval for \$18,000 issues for repairs taken to council this evening.

Motion to move the \$18,000 proposal to Council for discussion made by Alderman Adams. Seconded by Dingledine. Motion passed.

5. Staff Updates:

- A. Phase 2B – Trunk Line Update – A continued issue regarding one resident not wanting project take place on her property. Frustration arose from the fact that this process has taken much longer than necessary. While Kaskaskia has only been paid for the work completed, it needs to be resolved as costs will only increase. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9 with all parties involved.

6. Other Business:

- A. Public Works performed 126 service requests last month.  
B. The City is moving forward with Lone Wolf to complete concrete work on curbs and roads this Fall. The work should improve condition of crumbling curbs. While many neighborhoods are on the list, Oakwood Circle is an area that is already approved and will be started first.  
C. Sunrise Roofing is planning a development on the east side of Cummings. A bid has been put out to add sewer lines and is on the Council Agenda this evening.  
D. Alderman Dingledine expressed delight over the railroad crossing improvements on Jefferson and Main streets.

7. Adjournment: Alderman Dingledine made a motion to adjourn at approximately 5:30PM. Alderman Adams seconded. Meeting adjourned.