



CITY OF WASHINGTON COUNCIL REPORT

October 18, 2024

ENGINEERING – Dennis Carr/Ross Fuller

- IDOT has had message boards installed on Business 24 notifying the traveling public that work will begin next week. I reached out to the contractor and was told they are hoping to begin milling Wednesday.
- It is great to announce that Freedom Parkway has been opened! Staff and members of Council attended the ribbon cutting ceremony that took place on Tuesday. There is still some minor work that will be done throughout the new road. Trees still have to be planted and there are a number of punch list items that the contractor will be addressing before the project can be closed out.
- The Nofsinger Realignment project is nearing completion as well. Gensini is currently working to build the new cul-de-sac on Willow. Curbs were poured this week. Crews have been working to get all areas that have been disturbed throughout the project landscaped and seeded. The electricians have been pulling cables for the signals as well.
- Phase I of Catherine reconstruction is moving right along. Stark's concrete crew has been on-site pouring new approaches and sidewalk. Nearly all concrete work has been completed throughout the first block. Bricks for the new roadway are scheduled to be delivered next Thursday. We should have a new brick road from Main St. to High St. by November 1! The road will remain closed until all work is completed throughout the second block of the project. We hope to see this project completed by Thanksgiving.
- The Felker's Storm Sewer Priority Project is nearing completion. All of the new pipe and inlets have been installed. Driveways that were torn out for pipe installation have been replaced. Knapp is currently working on the final grading of the landscape before seeding and straw mat will be placed.
- Lonewolf Concrete has been in town this week working on the last of the residential sidewalk replacement requests. They also poured new sidewalk from the end of Jackson St to Hamilton. Two ADA ramps that had trip hazards within the ramps have been replaced along with a 50 ft section of sidewalk that had settled near Kern/Muller.
- Pearl Technologies has been coordinating with Five Points to install the camera and wiring for our future council meetings.
- Hanson has been continuing their right of way acquisition negotiating for the Safe Routes to Schools Project on North and Grant Streets. We have received check requests for a few more of the easements, but they are still working through negotiations with the remainder. We are still targeting the March 2025 letting for that project.
- We are looking to have our final walkthrough for Trails Edge 9&10 next week. The contractor is working to cleanup Stephanie before the final walkthrough.

FINANCE – Joanie Baxter

- On vacation the week of October 7 – 11.
- Updated spreadsheet analysis of proposed Fire contract and talked to Dennis about funding.
- Comprehensive review of proposed Fire contract. Discussed with Chief McCoy, Dennis, Davis & Campbell and Greg Longfellow from the Fire Board at different times throughout the week. Made changes to contract as required and updated from converted pdf.
- Worked with Jon and Good Energy/Ampion on the Community Solar agenda item. We plan to put on as an Ordinance but we did find out from Good Energy that no other communities in Illinois have required approval by Council and the approval has been done administratively. As such and because there is not an expenditure of funds involved and timing is of an essence to assure that a project is available for our capacity – Staff is recommending that the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance be waived and approval granted on October 21st.
- Utility Billing (October 5 – 18, 2024)
 - A total of 307 cutoff notices were processed for September billing
 - A total of two disconnects were sent to Collections for September disconnects
 - A total of 12 delinquent notices were sent for October disconnects

- New accounts and account closings processed:
 - 17 ins
 - 19 outs
- Leak detection through RNI and Sensus Analytics software – 38 leaks were caught and residents/businesses notified

HUMAN RESOURCES – Maureen Chambers

No Report

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – Jon Oliphant/Joe Boyer

- The elevator for the brewpub building is being installed this week and should be completed soon. Exterior glass is being installed and should be done by next week. Painting and flooring installation are close to completion on the second floor and cabinets have been finished. The primary second floor item yet to be completed is the installation of the plumbing fixtures. The first-floor kitchen is complete. The main electrical switching box is scheduled to arrive in mid-November.
- The 120 Walnut (former Knights of Columbus) building is weathered-in with the completion of a new roof. The contractor is going to soon replace the water and gas service.
- Initial site work has begun at the undeveloped lot at 1875 Constitution. J&J Toppers and Truck Accessories will be constructing a new building and moving its East Peoria operations there. Construction on the building figures to begin very soon following the issuance of a building permit with the hopes of opening in early spring. That will be a great business addition for Washington!
- Staff anticipates work to begin soon to divide the two remaining spaces in a multi-unit commercial building on Freedom Parkway near Walmart with plans for one of those units to be occupied by a retail tenant.
- Staff attended a presentation for Illinois DCEO's Business Development Roadshow. It's beneficial to hear about the State's programs and how it promotes business activity both inside and outside of Illinois.
- A legal description and plat have been completed to establish an ingress easement on the Cana Lutheran Church property to provide for public access to S. Elm. A resolution approving this is scheduled for the October 21 Council meeting.
- The property owners at 1123 Dallas have interest in connecting to the City's water. A petition for annexation has been received in order to allow for that connection in the future. As a result, an annexation ordinance has been prepared and will be brought to Monday's Council meeting as a first reading.
- A first reading ordinance for the subscriber community solar agreement with Ampion is ready for Monday's Council meeting. A request to waive the second reading has been made by Ampion and the City's energy consultant, Good Energy, in order to allow for the execution of the agreement as soon as possible given the limited capacity that is available within the portfolio of the solar farm projects in the state. Staff supports this request, as it would allow for the City to obtain favorable agreement terms with the ability to terminate it with a written notice to Ampion at least 12 months prior to the termination date.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief McCoy/Deputy Chief Stevens

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Brian Rittenhouse

- Repairs to Well #11 are complete and staff has made the switch back to it. Hydrant flushing will take place to help turn the system over. Equipment for Well #12 has been ordered. Once the equipment is in staff will coordinate the installation with the well company.
- Staff has emailed or called residents back that submitted water complaints letting them know we are back on the primary well.
- Staff will coordinate switching out a lead service line on Peoria Street in front of Lindy's Market. This will require a west-bound lane closure in front of Lindy's while completing the switch and putting the road back.
- Brush pick-up is completed, and staff will burn the week of October 21st.
- Staff was told that the street sweeper is scheduled for deliver the first week in November.
- Staff is still waiting on the insurance company and restoration company for a quote to repair the PW storage building. Once we have an estimate, I will update Council.