



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: Monday, May 12, 2025

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Agenda Item: Discussion – Public Works Storage Building

Explanation: After the fire in February of 2024, Staff has been working with PJ Hoerr to get cost estimates for the Public Works Storage Building. The City has received almost \$304,000 of the \$340,000 from our insurance company, with the remaining \$36,000 to be received upon completion of the repairs. Below are some options for Council's consideration.

Staff would recommend any of the following options

- Complete repairs as identified by the contractor and insurance company.
 - \$340,000 – Insurance
- Demo and build a parking lot.
- Demo and Sell or Sell the property as it currently sits.

It should be noted that previous Councils have budgeted, set aside funds for the past few years, to put towards a future Public Works Building. Staff has previously informed the Council that our current Street and Distribution buildings lack sufficient space for current and future needs. While these departments have been able to manage the current situation it is inefficient and annoying at times. Moving equipment and going to get equipment, because it is stored at a different site, takes time. It may be best to consider using the money already received towards a future Public Works Building plus the possible revenue from the sale of the property if Council so chooses.

Staff would not recommend the following options

- Complete the repairs but raise the building to help accommodate larger equipment. This will make the building more versatile and allow the option to store larger/taller equipment.
 - \$340,000 – Insurance
 - \$289,000 – Not covered
 - Total Estimate \$639,000
- Demo current structure and build a new 5 bay storage building.
 - \$340,000 – Insurance
 - \$860,000 – Not covered
 - Total Estimate \$1,200,000

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Action Requested: Council Direction

Storage Facility at 101-103 W Jefferson
Equipment List

Building fixed as is:

- Summer Storage
 - Falcon Hotbox
 - Easement Machine
 - Godwin pump
 - Message Board
 - Arrow Board
 - Cemetery Truck when loaded with dirt for burial
 - Pickup truck plows
 - Miscellaneous/Surplus items
- Winter Storage
 - Falcon Hotbox
 - Easement Machine
 - Godwin Pump
 - Cemetery Truck when loaded with dirt for burial
 - Mowers
 - **Street Dept. pickup trucks on the old PD side**
 - Asphalt roller
 - Miscellaneous/Surplus items

Building fixed with raised doors or built new:

- Summer Storage
 - **Backhoes**
 - Skid loader and attachments
 - **New plow trucks that won't fit in West Street garage**
 - Flacon Hotbox
 - Godwin Pump
 - Cemetery Truck when loaded with dirt for burial
 - Message Board
 - Arrow Board
 - Pickup truck plows
 - Miscellaneous/Surplus items

- Winter Storage
 - **Backhoes**
 - Skid loader and attachments
 - **Future plow trucks that won't fit in the West Street garage**
 - **Street Dept. pickup trucks on the old PD Side**
 - **Street sweeper**
 - Falcon hotbox
 - Godwin pump
 - Cemetery truck when full of dirt for burial
 - Message board
 - Arrow board
 - Asphalt Roller
 - Miscellaneous/Surplus items