

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Monday, October 19, 2015 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield, Jim Gee, and Carol Moss

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director; Kevin Schone, Public Works Manager.

Alderman Mike 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: None
3. Approval of Minutes – The committee unanimously voted to approve the September 21, 2015 meeting minutes.
4. Business Items:
 - A. Awards & Honor Signs Discussion – Staff currently places signs on right-of-way to honor significant achievements of students and residents in the City. As more achievements have been garnered, space has become more of a premium. Additionally, the cost of those signs begins to add up. The committee directed staff to look into cost-sharing the signs with the schools.
 - B. Mallard Crossing Street Light Maintenance – Many of the street lights in Mallard Crossing have not been operable for a lengthy period of time. The original agreement with the developer indicated that the placement and maintenance of the signs would be the responsibility of the developer. Morton Community Bank, which has subsequently taken over maintenance of some of the undeveloped lots, has asked for direction on how to handle the lights. The committee asked staff to see if the Mallard Crossing HOA has fees that can pay for any repairs; after that point, the City could take over the long-term maintenance.
 - C. Automatic Meter Reading Update – Staff gave a quick update on the consideration of pursuing a meter replacement project along with the addition of automatic radio reading equipment. From a contract standpoint, the work was being considered in as a Phase 1 large scale meter replacement contract coupled with a Phase 2 smaller scale contract for replacements that would require more effort. In-house staff also installed a test case of radio read equipment at Belford and Dorchester Courts coupled with newer iPerl meters installed during the rebuild.
 - D. Strand Updates – Brian Molenaar from Strand and associates updated the committee on the pending launch of Phase 2A sewer and the Phase 2B interceptor upgrades. He spoke on the ongoing dialogue with the agency regarding various combination of loan and grant funding alternatives.

5. Other Business:

- A. Peoria Street is continuing to experience periodic water leaks. Replacement patching is ongoing with future attention to be given to upgrading the old 4" cast iron main.
- B. The cleaning of Water Tower #2 will begin this week. This work is being done by National Tank Wash of Morrison Illinois.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 5:41 p.m.