

City of Washington  
Public Work Committee  
Monday, October 3, 2016 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Bob Brucks, Dave Dingledine, and Jim Gee

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Brian Butler, Alderman; Jim Culotta, City Administrator; and Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director.

Alderman Jim Gee 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: Steve Hullcranz asked about the status of new signs on US Route 24. Mr. Andrews let him know that MCS had prepared mockups of the sign panels, but relied upon MUTCD heights for 55mph detection resulting in a greater size than what IDOT would allow when submitted for their review. A revised mockup was requested at the smaller 8" lettering originally request by the City.

Mr. Hullcranz also asked about the status of the restriping of Freedom Parkway. Staff is looking to complete that in-house. Tazewell County Highway was not able to stripe that section due to higher traffic volumes without supplemental labor and traffic control.

3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the August 1, 2016, and August 8, 2016, and September 6, 2016, meetings were unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
  - A. Wilmor Road/Jefferson Street Traffic Signals Discussion – Staff and Maurer-Stutz outlined the possibilities for consideration of signals at the Wilmor/W. Jefferson intersection. There was considerable positive anecdotal feedback received while the temporary signals were in place at this intersection. It generally allowed for the better flow of traffic, particularly during the peak morning and afternoon periods. A small signal study would be needed at a minimum to forecast traffic for the next 20 years. ITE trip generation manuals would be used to determine the best fit for possible permanent signals that incorporate projected development trends. The committee unanimously recommended that staff bring a proposal from Maurer-Stutz back for review at the November meeting. This would likely then go to the November Committee of the Whole meeting for additional feedback.
  - B. WTP #1 Upgrades RY 17-18, Engineering FY 16-17 – Staff presented a draft contract with CMT based on the recent completion of the WTP #1 evaluation study. This additional scope would include the construction of an 8'x15' fluoride storage/feed room on the east side of WTP #1 and the construction of two new brine tanks to be located on the west side of WTP #1. A geotechnical investigation was added to the project scope. The revised scope increased the overall fee to \$39,000. However, \$19,000 can be applied from the prior unused budget: \$13,000 from the original chlorine/fluoride project and \$6,000 from the original brine tank. As a result,

the net increase is \$20,000. Staff and CMT have also explored opportunities for providing a flood protection levee for the plant. There may be funding opportunities with the Corps of Engineers within its Section 205 program. The committee recommended bringing this to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

5. Other Business:

- A. Staff was asked to see if it can persuade IDOT to mow its right-of-way where there have become visibility issues. IDOT typically mows three times a year but there appear to be areas that have not seen that frequency and can be dangerous for oncoming motorists.
- B. Staff will provide an update on the Nofsinger/24 improvements at the October 10 Committee of the Whole meeting and possible funding under the Highway Safety Improvement Program.
- C. Approximately 86% of the AMR project is complete.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:22 p.m.