

City of Washington  
Public Work Committee  
Monday, February 8, 2016 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
301 WALNUT STREET

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

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Jim Culotta, City Administrator; 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 January 19, 2016 meeting minutes.
4. Business Items:
  - A. Tentative 2016 MFT Street Maintenance – Staff is considering an MFT program of a combination of Centennial, Lexington, and N. Main, which would include attempting to upgrade the TP&W Railroad crossing. Additionally, staff was asked to contact Washington Township about making improvements to the Diebel Road crossing.
  - B. Winter/Summer Maintenance Operations – Staff has 112 acres for mowing and is looking at replacing a mower with a 60" 0-turn radius mower. The mowers can be outfit with snowplow equipment if there was a desire to plow sidewalks or recreation trails. The Committee recommended keeping the status quo for snow removal.
5. Other Business:
  - A. The consideration of an air curtain burner (ACB) was discussed with committee. Currently Streets has a chipper that is scheduled for replacement, however discussion of if that unit might be replaced with an ACB given the limitations imposed by the IEPA on open air burning.
  - B. An update on the AMR also lead into a discussion of the consideration of grounding field options if there are future lightning strikes due to the lack of grounding array.
  - C. There currently is not a set date set for a pre-construction meeting on STP #2. Paper work is being reviewed with IEPA and Strand.
  - D. A brief discussion on the Diebel Road detention basin and the railroad crossing nearby was had. The Committee asked about what the City pays for railroad crossing agreements. Staff was not aware that the roadway crossing themselves were subject to annual fee, but that there certainly were annual fees for water and sewer crossings underneath the tracks.

- E. An overview of the proposed budget regarding equipment purchases was presented to the committee.
- F. A discussion regarding planned / budgeted request for repairs to the block masonry and roof at Water Plant #2.
- G. A question was raised about the location of the hotel/motel taxes in the City's budget. It is located within the General Fund.
- H. Chairman Brownfield asked about the status of the storm water basin off of 1200 Coventry.
- I. The City inspects sidewalks after a request by a resident or contractor. If they are deemed suitable for repairs, the City will replace the deteriorated sections and split the cost with the resident.
- J. Staff will ask Oak Grove Landscaping to finish work on a retaining wall in Washington Estates as soon as possible. The work had been discussed with them to have been started before Christmas, but weather had set in before then preventing any progress.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:35 p.m.