

City of Washington  
Public Work Committee  
Monday, March 16, 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; Alderman Bob Brucks.

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:  
Alderman Brucks mentioned that some Sunnydale subdivision residents have had issues with snow blowing from the fields to the north onto their properties. Staff will consider ways to minimize this, including possibly placing snow fencing on neighboring properties with the consent of the property owners.
3. Approval of Minutes – The committee unanimously voted to approve the February 16, 2015 meeting minutes.
4. Business Items:
  - A. Bee Keeping Discussion: Alec Presley, 803 S. Elm Street – Mr. Presley expressed an interest in housing bees on his property after hearing of the positives of this from a co-worker. The City Code does not allow for the owner of bees to allow such bees to fly at-large within the city limits. The committee was open to discussing this further. The committee inquired about the possibility of allowing this as a special use in residential districts. Staff will research other apiculture ordinances and bring possible regulations back to the committee at a future meeting.
  - B. IDOT Tornado Recovery Update – Mr. Andrews provided an update on the assessment of the damage to streets, curb and gutter, and sidewalks in the impacted neighborhoods. An open house informational meeting will take place on March 19 from 4:30-7:00 at Five Points Banquet Room D. Citizens can come in anytime to see the plans for construction restoration and offer comments. The construction is anticipated in June 2015.
  - C. TIF Project Updates – Staff is hopeful that engineering can begin in 2015 for the Zinser Street/alley project with construction likely in 2016. Additionally, staff and the committee will analyze the sidewalk around the Square to determine how to improve the deterioration that has occurred in many places.
5. Other Business:
  - A. Alderman Gee asked about the Peoria Street water leak. Mr. Andrews reported that the contract hydrophone leak detection was not successful with detecting / tracing the source of the water seen topside. In recent weeks the topside water has subsided.

- B. Alderman Gee asked about any RFP's for engineering/public works projects in 2015. Mr. Andrews reported that he had them started but had not completed the general services ones. It was intended that is the Nofsinger intersect would proceed, that the engineering consultant from the selected planning team would be used.
- C. Staff will look into ensuring that potholes are properly leveled.
- D. Mr. Andrews reported that the staking for the fill limits outside of the floodplain were staked to help completed STP2 dredging stockpiling. It was not clear if the spring thaw would delay the start of work to prevent rutting damage to the lagoon dike.
- E. A discussion regarding N. Main and MFT projects. Mr. Andrews reported that he was meeting with Maurer Stutz for a progress meeting on the roadway restoration project and would to balance any additional project needs with an allocation of some of the available MFT funding.
- F. Staff will ask Kevin Schone to attend future committee meetings as his schedule allows.
- G. There will be a commodities bid opening next month for annual consumables such as softener salt, treatment chemicals, etc.
- H. Staff will update the list of existing foundations/open holes and send reminders to each of those property owners. The committee will be notified of this and could assist in reaching out to those that may not meet the May 31 deadline for compliance.
- I. The engineering firm that is completing the plat and easement document for the vacation of the W. Jefferson Street alley has indicated that these should be submitted to city staff this week. If everything is in order, a first reading ordinance could take place at the April 6 City Council meeting.
- J. Mr. Andrews reported that the only remaining work left on the Beverly Manor School Safe Routes to School project is the landscape seeding and would be complete in April to conform to the IDOT prescribed seeding dates.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:15 p.m.