

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Monday, March 7, 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.

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: Steve Hullcranz asked about the signage at Nofsinger and US Route 24. He felt that Cross Traffic Does Not Stop warning placards were warranted. Staff indicated that they have been in discussion with IDOT, but that the roadway and signage was under their jurisdiction.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from February 8, 2016 meeting will be presented at the April meeting.
4. Business Items:
 - A. Bicycle Friendly Community Update – An advisory committee has been working on the background work necessary to nominate Washington as a Bike Friendly Community through the League of American Bicyclists. The 2016 application cycle opens on April 1 and must be submitted by August 9. There is no cost to apply nor funding for BFC communities, but it can help having the BFC status when applying for grants. Additionally, the advisory committee has discussed ways to connect other parts of the city where off-road multi-use trails are not feasible. This would primarily be handled through painting bike lanes and/or sharrows. The advisory committee recommended starting with sharrows on N. Main from south of Devonshire to W. Jefferson; W. Jefferson from N. Main to Wilmor; Wood from W. Jefferson to Holland; Holland from Wood to S. Main; and S. Main from Holland to Guth. Staff anticipates a cost of \$15,000 for this painting, which would last for up to two years. The PWC committee recommended including \$15,000 in the FY 16-17 budget for this item and taking it to the Committee of the Whole.
 - B. FY 16-17 Proposed Equipment Budget Review – Staff has looked at several major equipment purchases for the FY 16-17 budget. These include three mowers, an asphalt roller, an air curtain burner, two dump trucks, a pickup truck, and a tractor. The committee recommended to take the requested budgeted items to the Committee of the Whole.
 - C. FY 16-17 Road Salt Discussion – The City is approaching the end of a one-year contractor for roadway salt utilizing the Tazewell County Highway Department's countywide bid. Staff presented the two options: CMS or Tazewell County. The CMS FY 14-15 contract had varying bids ranging from no bids to \$70-\$140 per ton,

though these were reduced for FY 15-16. Tazewell County has confirmed that the City would be able to participate in their program. The Committee recommended that the contract roll over for one year with Tazewell County.

5. Other Business:

- A. Staff will reach out to Washington Township about working with the TP&W Railroad about repairing the Diebel Road crossing. There are safety concerns about higher speed traffic in that area.
- B. Staff will follow-up with IDOT about repairs to the sidewalks along Route 8.
- C. Work on seal coating can begin again on May 1 under the IDOT reconstruction contract. Possible repairs may be done to areas around Bishop's Court and Dallas Road, will further investigate and follow up with committee.
- D. The committee and staff briefly discussed drainage problems near 1201 Coventry. A possible solution could be to install a drain pipe to allow water to move away from the current stagnant spot near the detention basin. More info is needed to determine a solution and the construction plans will be reviewed at the April meeting.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:11 p.m.