

City of Washington  
Public Work Committee  
Monday, September 21, 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 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 placing better signage at the intersection of Nofsinger Road and US 24. He also asked about having the direction of all streets be placed on street signage for E911 purposes.
3. Approval of Minutes – The committee unanimously voted to approve the August 10, 2015 meeting minutes.
4. Business Items:
  - A. Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT): Automatic Meter Reading Evaluation – The current budget has plans for a comprehensive meter upgrade program. CMT was recommended by the committee at the August meeting to serve as one of two local engineering firms to assist in providing water and sanitary sewer engineering services. CMT has submitted a scope of services with a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 for engineering services throughout the larger project. The committee recommended approval of this agreement and will be presented for City Council approval later that night.
  - B. 1200 Coventry Drainage – Mike Hooste indicated that there has been drainage problems on and near his property on Coventry since the tornado. Mr. Hooste lives next to a dedicated detention basin. Staff has met with him previously to address these. Alderman Brownfield will try to visit with Mr. Hooste soon to see if the City has any responsibility to assist with this.
  - C. Proposed Eagle Avenue Development – Joe LaHood and Harry Williams have proposed constructing 17 condo units on the two lots at 405 Hawk and 1405 Eagle. Each lot had a 12-unit apartment building prior to the tornado and rebuilding has not commenced on either property. A private drive would service most of the units with the exception of Units 1-4, which would have access from Hawk. The concept plan meets the subdivision and zoning code regulations with the possible exception of a variance that could be needed to construct Unit 13, which appears to infringe upon the rear yard setback. The developer indicated they may look at attaching that unit to increase the setback and not require a variance. The committee was accepting of the concept plan and said that it would be a nice addition to the neighborhood.

- D. Water Model – Staff presented a plan to complete a comprehensive water model. The committee was accepting of the plan. This will be placed on the City Council agenda for approval at an upcoming meeting.
- E. Water System Evaluation – In coordination with the water model, the committee was accepting of the need to evaluate the City's water system. This will also be placed on the City Council agenda for approval at an upcoming meeting.

5. Other Business:

- A. The fire hydrants are being painted using the industry-accepted color-coding system.
- B. Peoria Street water leak...
- C. Public works staff will look for and remove any weeds in and around the Square.
- D. Alderman Gee asked about the parking lot just southeast of the Square on S. High Street. It is currently owned by Tom and Judy Gross but TIF funds could be utilized for future improvements to it.
- E. Staff is unaware of any plans for the post office to move to a new location but will follow-up to see if there may be a desire for more space.
- F. Route 8 sidewalks...
- G. A bid opening will occur for the STP #2 expansion project later this year.
- H. Staff will look to see if the Diebel Road detention basin is dry.
- I. There are no current city boil orders in effect. Staff can work with the Police Department on possible notifications in the future.
- J. Backfilling of sidewalks...
- K. IDOT work on signage...

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:12 p.m.