

City of Washington  
Public Work Committee  
Monday, March 6, 2017 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
301 WALNUT STREET

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

Also Present: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director; Jim Culotta, City Administrator; Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director; and Kevin Schone, Public Works Supervisor.

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: None
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the February 6, 2017, meeting was unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
  - A. Floodplain LOMR Update – Staff has received feedback from the Illinois State Water Survey (which handles reviews for FEMA) regarding the Letter of Map Revision study currently being completed for the east side of the city. ISWS requires notifications be sent to those property owners that would experience a change in the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), even if there would be a net decrease in the floodplain coverage. As a result, staff will be sending letters this week to 22 properties owners notifying them of the BFE modifications.
  - B. Regional Drainage Review (Walnut to Diebel) – Staff has met with a property owner on Walnut Street that has experienced periodic flooding. While not in a mapped floodplain, the property sits on a lower regional elevation and has little grade change. The committee discussed this and voted to not take any action at this time. Alderman Gee said that he would see if the County could provide any assistance.
  - C. Parking Lot Updates – Staff is preparing bid specs for the rehabilitation of the southeastern Square and S. Spruce parking lots. Both are owned by the City, though the S. Spruce lot provides parking for the Park District and may be subject to an upcoming conveyance to the Park District. Bids specs are tentatively set to be released in a couple of weeks with a submittal deadline of late March. The committee recommended bundling both of the parking lots as part of the April City Council meeting. The City and Park District would equally share in the cost of the sidewalk and curb and gutter for the S. Spruce lot.
  - D. HD Supply: Automated Meter Reading Project – Staff has estimated that a new backup antenna and second FlexNet base station would cost between \$35,000 and \$50,000. The original project scoping with HD Supply/Sensus did consider a second AMR antenna, but was held back from the base contract to ensure an adequate contingency was reserved. A lightning strike in August at Water Tower #2 disabled

the unit. As a result, staff has reconsidered the need for a second antenna and base station to provide the needed redundancy. The committee was supportive of this request. Staff will look to obtain a quote from the tower climbing firm, possibly in time for the March Committee of the Whole meeting. If that cannot be done, it will be ready for the April Public Works Committee meeting.

5. Other Business:

- A. Discussed FY16/17 overlay funding that was set for was to include the overlay of Lexington Drive was applied to the 3' mill and fill of the seal coat areas in Rolling meadows North and South/
- B. Interviews for laborers begin this week. Staff expects to hire at least four employees.
- C. Commodity bids have been advertised with openings set for March 29.
- D. A chlorine smell has been detected near Foster's Jewelry. Public works staff will open the sidewalk tomorrow to help determine whose responsibility it may be.
- E. Staff has received little return dialogue from the TP&W Railroad regarding needed repairs to the crossings.
- F. The preference for sealing the cracks on N. Cummings is to rout them.
- G. Staff is monitoring the drainage at the Diebel Road detention basin. Solutions could include saw-cutting it or installing a drain pipe.
- H. The MFT resolution for 2017 seal coat work has been approved. Previous year's work will resume in April and spray patch work will begin on the west side of the city and move east.
- I. Staff has swept the city streets recently.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:13 p.m.