

City of Washington
Public Work Committee
Monday, December 4, 2017 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield, Dave Dingledine, and Jim Gee.

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

Alderman Brownfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Alderman Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: Alderman Brucks asked if staff has heard an update from IDOT regarding funding for the Nofsinger/24 realignment. Staff has not heard of an updated funding request for HSIP funding.
2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: None.
3. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the November 6, 2017, meeting was unanimously approved.
4. Business Items:
 - A. Post Ratification – Cruger Road Phase 2 Multi-Use Path Post-Ratification – On September 12, 2016, the City Council awarded an engineering contract to Terra Engineering for the construction of an 8' wide recreation trail along the north side of Cruger Road from Nofsinger to Main Street, and a portion of Main Street to connect to Easy Street. Due to the results of a special waste screening, a Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment (PESA) was required by IDOT and FHWA due to proximity of an industrial battery business. This effort was conducted by Terra's subconsultant, SCI, and resulted in an upper end adjustment of \$61,955.74. This amount is less than \$5,000 from the contract amount of \$57,007.99 and the work was allowed to proceed but it will be presented as a consent agenda item at tonight's Council meeting for approval.
 - B. Emergency Standby Snow Removal Assistance – Staff has solicited quotations for emergency assistance for snow removal of alleyways and Square and City-owned parking lots. This would only be utilized when City staff are unable to plow these areas. Written quotes were obtained from Dan Wissel Trucking and RA Cullinan. A verbal quote was obtained from Weaver Trucking and Excavating. The committee discussed this and felt that Weaver Trucking and Excavating would be the best option, though staff is asked to obtain a written quote. This will be scheduled for approval at the December 18 Council meeting.
 - C. Proposed Ordinance Amendment: Sewer Lateral Maintenance – Staff has drafted a proposed ordinance for the purpose of clarifying the limits of the City's responsibility for the sanitary sewer system and specifically sanitary sewer laterals. This would create Chapter 52.009 Sewer System and explains the differences between the

public sanitary sewer system and the customer sanitary sewer system. The committee felt that the burden for the homeowner to bear the entire cost of reconstructing a street as part of sewer repair is significant. The committee felt that the owner should be responsible for the lateral up to the property line and the City would be responsible between the main and lateral. The committee asked staff to draft these changes and schedule it for a discussion item at the December 11 COW meeting.

- D. Capital Improvement Plan – The focus of the committee’s discussion centered on water and sewer repairs on the east side of the city. Cast iron accounts for about 2/3 of main breaks even though it is a much smaller percentage of the overall system. IDOT would require inlets to be placed every 250 feet. Staff is currently putting together a chart of the average cost for repairs on a typical 400’ long block. Staff is awaiting a cost estimate from CMT and will include a possible cost share for work done within the right-of-way.

5. Staff Updates:

- A. Square wall – Mike Lucas will offer a price for the repair, including the entrance columns.
- B. Salt shed – Progress payment #1 in an amount of \$43,725.01 is scheduled for tonight’s Council meeting. No lien waivers were submitted; however, the building material is currently on-site. Staff supports the payment of this amount to Greenfield Contractors with the submission of an accompanying lien waiver from Accu-Steel.
- C. A discussion on the planned upgrades to Hillcrest & Greenfield. This focus on the failed CMP storm sewer under the pavement as well as the trench drain at the driveway.
- D. WTP#1’s rerouting of the sanitary sewer was discussed. A portion of the sanitary sewer was included in the project scope, but there is additional clay sewer piping that may need to be replaced. Staff will be reviewing cost options of lining versus replacement for presentation to PWC.
- E. Progress of the WTP#1 project was also discussed.
- F. The snow plow trucks are ready for operation whenever they will be needed.
- G. A discussion was had regarding a headstone inscription request. This was reviewed
- H. Staff received one application for the temporary snowplow driver position. This would only be used when City employees cannot assist. The pay is around \$18+ per hour with no minimum number of hours established.

6. Other Business:

- A. Railroad Crossings – Alderman Gee recommended that the City look to have two crossings repaired per year and to use concrete planks. He will reach out to the TP&W RR to hopefully allow this to proceed.

- B. The Diebel Road detention basin is holding water. A permit will be required through the railroad in order to re-establish the ditch.
- C. Alderman Gee noted there is primer remaining on the brick crosswalk on N. Main. Staff will address this with the contractor for removal.
- D. IL American Water will take over the Spurgeon operation after January 1, 2018.

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