

City of Washington  
Public Works Committee  
Monday, February 03, 2020 – **Minutes**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
301 WALNUT STREET

Present: Aldermen Mike Brownfield, Dave Dingledine, and Lilija Stevens.

Also Present: Mayor Gary Manier, Alderman Daniel Cobb, City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Planning & Development Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Acting City Engineer John Anderson, John and Sharon Amdall, Bob and Allison Montgomery, Walter Ruppman and Scott DeSplinter from CMT.

Alderman 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: **None.**
3. Approval of Minutes – Alderman Stevens questioned item 2 and the last sentence “.... contact Ameren regarding”. It looks like an incomplete sentence. It was clarified that Director Schone meant to contact Ameren regarding the installation of a street light. **Alderman Dingledine motioned to approve the January 6<sup>th</sup> minutes. Alderman Stevens seconded the motion. All approved.**
4. Business Items:
  - A. Water Treatment Plant #1 Flood Protection Options – Public Works Director Kevin Schone – Director Schone reviewed the communication that outlined the reasons for the consideration of a Flood Protection Plan and the Water Treatment Plant #1. The plan would consist of installing a flood sensor at Well #7 as well as flood panels to the two entrance doors, garage door and possibly the west windows during a flood event and removed afterwards and stored inside. Estimated cost would be approximately \$100,000. He is requesting direction on whether to proceed with the flood response option or with the original plan for the limited levee around WTP #1. ***The committee discussed and asked for clarification regarding the options and requirements. Mr. DeSplinter from CMT provided answers and insights. Alderman Brownfield would like to determine what is in the walls before making a decision. He made a motion to have more fact finding completed and then have staff offer a recommendation. Alderman Dingledine seconded the motion. Motion approved.***
  - B. Water Tower #1 Painting Inspection Considerations – Public Works Director Kevin Schone – Director Schone reviewed the communication that outlined the request to move forward with inspections from Dixon Engineering in order to proceed with the painting portion of this project which is set to begin after May 1<sup>st</sup>. The inspection was quoted for \$36,450. ***The committee discussed the financial considerations regarding the project as a whole. Alderman Dingledine made a motion to move the recommendation to the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Stevens seconded the motion. All approved.***
  - C. Cambridge Estates Drainage Options – Public Works Director Kevin Schone – Director Schone reviewed the communication explaining the Cambridge Estates detention basin draining situation. Maurer Stutz presented five options for restoring drainage and only one option is feasible. Director Schone is requesting direction on whether to proceed with budgeting for this project in fiscal year 20/21 which would be appr. \$35,583 for the engineer’s estimate. ***The committee and staff discussed the reasons for the project and the lack of a current funding source. Alderman Stevens suggested having Cambridge Estates pay for a portion. Alderman Dingledine made a motion to bring it before the Committee of the Whole next week. Alderman Stevens seconded the motion. All approved.***

- D. Freedom Parkway Phase I Engineering Consultant Recommendation – P & D Director Jon Oliphant – Director Oliphant reviewed the communication regarding the nine firms who submitted statements of qualifications for the completion of Phase I engineering for the remainder of Freedom Parkway. Staff recommends Terra Engineering and requests feedback on the selection prior to seeking approval for the contract at an upcoming City Council meeting. ***The committee and staff discussed and Alderman Stevens requested information on how the decision was determined. Staff provided information regarding the factors and systems that were used. Alderman Dingledine made a motion to move the request forward to Council. Alderman Stevens seconded the motion. All approved.***
- E. North Street Culvert/Safe Routes to Schools grant – Acting City Engineer John Anderson – Mr. Anderson reviewed the communication explaining the culvert repair needed on North Street and the impact the repair will have on the sidewalk plans and the Safe Routes to School grant. He recommends proceeding with the engineering for the next fiscal year budget to replace the culvert, which would be approximately \$6500, and suspend ongoing engineering for the SRTS for this section of the street. ***The committee and staff discussed. Mr. Anderson stated he would contact IDOT regarding the committee’s decision and see what would be the next steps. Alderman Stevens made a motion to proceed. Alderman Dingledine seconded the motion. All approved.***
- F. Centennial Recreation Trail Update – Acting City Engineer John Anderson – Mr. Anderson provided an update to the committee on the project. The previous engineer had requested an extension and the bid should have happened in March 2020. Unfortunately, that deadline was going to be missed and Mr. Anderson requested another extension for March 2021, which was approved. A meeting was held with Maurer Stutz and the trail is going to be moved to the top of the slope on Business 24 which will save some construction money. The downside is a right-of-way will need to be obtained from Meyer.
5. Staff Updates:
- A. Public Works Director Schone –
- Investigating the ice buildup on Gillman and considering a few small projects, if possible, to eliminate future buildup.
  - A call was received from an employee who lives on Westlake regarding the road starting to wash out. The clog in the pipe has since been cleaned out but further investigation showed the pipe was rotted on the bottom. It was determined that it is not the City’s responsibility.
  - A letter for residents was prepared regarding the lateral launch which provided a project update, who will be getting a new pipe, the need to obtain a new easement and when the roadway construction will begin. Three quotes were received and the best bid was from Hoerr. A request for authorization will be sought at the Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - He had a conversation with Gary Dieters regarding the bank restoration project. Explained that despite what he heard previously about the project being done this year, the best-case scenario for the trunk line would be July 2021. Director Schone has spoken to Strand who is assisting in contacting the various other parties regarding the status of the project.
- B. City Administrator Forsythe –
- He needs residency requirement direction regarding a water department employee who wants to live 20 miles away. The Committee discussed and the decision was to not alter the policy which is a limit of 15 minutes.
  - Intergovernmental agreement with the Township is in draft form and getting reviewed by staff and will go to the Township once the review is complete. Once received back from the Township, it will be brought to the Public Works Committee than the Committee of the Whole.
- C. P & D Director Oliphant – Received pricing for the regional pavement condition inventory project. \$10,000 is budgeted for the City’s 20% portion of the local share. Tri-County is managing the project. TransMap will be starting work soon. A request was made from other

communities for other layers to be added so there is now a list of other assets that can be mapped during the same time. The data will be very beneficial when determining which road projects to prioritize for future projects and will be part of the CIP plan.

D. Acting City Engineer Anderson – February 17<sup>th</sup> is set for the pre-construction conference for the Stratford bridge project. It is the last step before construction begins. Every other week meetings are being held for Lawndale and Holland. Lawndale's roadway portion will go out for bid March 25<sup>th</sup>.

6. Other Business:

- Alderman Stevens –
  - a. What is the update for the driveway patch on Holland? Director Schone took a look at it and it is a smooth transition from the road to his driveway and no patch is necessary.
  - b. Do the snowplow drivers have formal training? Director Schone explained the current training for them and that a procedure is in the works.
- Alderman Dingledine –
  - a. Glad to see IDOT in town filling potholes. Not sure why they did not fill the one on the turn lane going to the McCluggage Bridge. Director Schone will contact Dale in Morton about it.

Alderman Dingledine made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:13 p.m. Alderman Stevens seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned.