

**City of Washington**  
Public Works Meeting  
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM  
Monday, March 1, 2021 – **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Brownfield at 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Alderman Mike Brownfield, Alderman Brett Adams, Alderman Dave Dingledine, Mayor Gary Manier

**Also Present:** City Administrator Ray Forsythe, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Utilities Superintendent Brian Rittenhouse, City Engineer Dennis Carr, Alderman Lili Stevens, Alderman Daniel Cobb.

**AGENDA**

1. Non-member Aldermen Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:
  - A. Alderman Stevens has a few questions regarding the Illinois American Water discussion. What is the City's plan is during emergencies to provide water to customers? How will this agreement affect Washington?
  - B. Mayor Manier wanted to compliment the City for getting started on cleaning up the rock issue that the City is experiencing.
2. Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item: *None*
3. *Alderman Dingledine motioned to approve minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting. Alderman Adams seconded the motion. The minutes as stated were unanimously approved.*
4. Business Items:
  - A. **GILMAN SUMP COLLECTION CONSIDERATION**  
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Quotes were requested for a sump collection line to be installed to remedy icing problems between 104-206 Gilman for future consideration. The funds available are due to the Oakwood Heights storm sewer not being completed. This project was held off due to Covid concerns and also because it was thought that storm sewers on Hilldale would need to be lined prior to the Hilldale reconstruction project. Staff televised these storm sewers and determined they were not in need of lining and because of this there are sufficient funds to complete this project now rather than budget for it in the 21/22 FY.

GA Rich is the low quote at \$74,952.00. GA completed the first two sections of the Gillman sump collection project, and as such, staff recommends moving forward with this project to eliminate the safety concerns being caused by the sump pump discharges and ice accumulations along Gillman. GA has assured this project can be completed by April 30th if approved. Action Requested: Recommendation to move to City Council for approval.

**Comments:**  
*There is approximately 800 linear feet with the project. GA Rich lost money on the first two projects that they did with the City. They provided a new quote, which still came in as the lowest bid.*  
*Dave Dingledine to make motion to bring forward to City Council. Mike Brownfield seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

## **B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUESTS**

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1. Committee recommendation to move forward with purchases rather than continuing to rent the equipment identified.
2. Committee recommendation to move forward with street and alley repairs as has been the last two years.
3. Committee recommendation to make masonry improvements at the Jefferson Street Evidence and Storage Building as well as continue with security improvements by installing card pass at the Street Department Building.
4. Committee recommendation to add additional employees to complete work and reduce contractual work moving forward.

### **Comments:**

*Regarding paver rental: It would be beneficial to own one versus renting the equipment. Kevin Schone sees it as another tool to use when needed. The life expectancy is 20-30 years. Dave Dingleline doesn't have trouble spending money when it is money well spent. Owning one allows the City to be less dependent on weather. Kevin guarantees the equipment would not just sit there but get a lot of use. Brett Adams a paver would be a fantastic investment for the city.*

*Nitrification Action Plan – Dave Dingleline wasn't aware there was an issue. Every community needs to have this plan. Used to help monitor the distribution system. Would like to get both systems (#1, #2) on same water quality system.*

## **C. ENTERPRISE LEASE PROGRAM**

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The Enterprise program was shown to have a 10-yr savings over our current MERF procedures. Staff would like to place this item on the Council agenda to discuss the path forward with Enterprise's Fleet Management System.

### **Comments:**

*What's the fee when a vehicle is sold?*

*Uftring does a full check, fills gas when vehicle is delivered. Is that included with Enterprise, all those little extras? Can Uftring get credit for the vehicles?*

*Mike Brownfield feels like this process feels a little rushed.*

*Dave Dingleline thinks there may be more "pros" to the lease system? Who is responsible for the warranties on the vehicle?*

*Is this only a one-year commitment? Ray says we can certainly use this year as a pilot project. Enterprise was informed that we want to interact with local dealerships.*

*Motion to move discussion onto Council Meeting made by Mike Brownfield. Seconded by Brett Adams. Motion moved.*

## **D. INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REBUILDING AMERICA DISCUSSION**

Update on a grant application we were notified about last week. Nearly \$1 billion dollars available. Majority of funding available for large projects, greater than \$25 million dollars. 10% of funds are available for smaller projects and of that 10%, a portion is reserved for rural areas, of which Washington is not included. One project that might qualify is the Nofsinger/24 Realignment.

### **Comments:**

*None.*

## **E. ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER – EMERGENCY INTERCONNECT AGREEMENT AND WHOLE SALE WATER DISCUSSION**

### [Docs](#)

Illinois American Water is responsible for providing water to the City of Washington Residents in the Washington Estates Area. Their system has a well, a treatment plant, and a water tower that serve this area. Their system is also currently isolated from any other water

source. This isolation raises concerns for IAW as there is no emergency plan in place for if something were to happen to a well or the plant.

There would be no additional cost to the city as IAW would incur all of the costs for the interconnect facility along 24. The City would see an increase in water revenue for sale of water if an emergency were to take place.

Staff recommends approval of an agreement to allow IAW to connect to the City Water System as well as continued discussions on the sale of wholesale water.

**Comments:**

***This would be cost neutral to the city and actually provide a bit of revenue.***

***For many years, the City has been trying to buy system. But they were not willing to sell. The City can handle it. It is very advantageous for those in Washington Estates to have a backup. Do we think their infrastructure can handle the City's valves?***

***Alderman Dingledine sees this as a huge improvement and will help citizens. This will have no impact on Washington's water system whatsoever. Alderman Adams see this as a great project.***

5. Staff Updates –

A. Jon Oliphant – Comprehensive Plan Update. The team is getting ready to schedule open house in early April. Develop a few key person interviews.

B. Brian Rittenhouse – Valve Exercising Group is in town and currently working.

C. Kevin Schone – Brush pickup was started last week. This week, the crew is working on rock clean-up.

D. Dennis Carr – Working on loose gravel issue. The fresh asphalt areas are the biggest culprits because they haven't the chance for the oil to cure out of it. Currently working on 2021 program. Looking into fog seal. Also, very close to beginning Lawndale project. Waiting on hearing back from two residents.

E. Ray Forsythe – Capital Improvement Plan. This will be in hand next week and is a five-year plan looking at the maintenance of our facilities.

6. Other Business – ***none.***

7. Adjournment - Meeting

***Motion approved by Alderman Dingledine, seconded by Alderman Adams. Meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.***