

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MARCH 6, 2023

Committee Attendees:

Daron Stephens, Engineer
Mike Flynn, City Manager
Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk
Hannah Toole, City Commissioner

Brian Sewell, Public Works Director
Shanda Cecil, Planning
Kitty Strode, City Commissioner

Guests:

Latoya Rawlings – Fifth Street Resident
Pearl Gordon – Fifth Street Resident

NEXT MEETING – Monday, April 3, 9:30 AM, in the Training Room.

MINUTES – Shanda made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 minutes; Mike seconded. Minutes approved.

TOWN BRANCH UPDATE – Sunesis will start work on the culvert this week. They will bypass pump from the drain off Church Alley to Broadway. The new culvert will be a 6' wide cast-in-place culvert. It will intercept at the alley and straighten up as much as possible and connect on Broadway and flow straight through there. We will pour all new sidewalks from the limits of construction including asphalt. The finish work won't be complete until May or June. Retaining walls are poured. Once the concrete is cured out to a certain strength, they can backfill the parking lot. Cesar will do tuck pointing on the exposed wall as soon as he can get in there.

There will be a pre-construction meeting March 21st with Stephanie Blain and Todd Johnson Contracting about the Family Dollar side. They have contacted Family Dollar both locally and the district manager. They know they can only affect one side of the building at a time. It is anticipated they will do the section on Broadway then they will leave the parking lot side of the building accessible. They will work with the local manager on their delivery trucks that come in once a week. They have to keep that dock accessible as much as they can. When they have to close that area, Family Dollar will work to get smaller trucks or use a different area. They will start construction very shortly after the pre-construction meeting. Wall Alley should be shut down for Beer Cheese so people are not parking in that area. They will move the culvert first before they can do the Broadway piping.

FIFTH STREET UPDATE – Houston Contracting got all the trees cut down and cleaned up. Now we are in a redesign with Palmer because there is a box culvert on that back side of the old WMU property. Palmer is redoing the design to incorporate the two pipes under the railroad which will potentially help us with some storm water volume. It will also allow us to expand the cul de sac out slightly to make it a little easier for fire trucks to turn around. These new plans will have to go to the Division of Water, which will hold this up a little more. As soon as the redesign is finished and we get the approval from the Division of Water, the project will be ready to bid.

COLUMBIA GAS MAIN REPLACEMENTS – Currently boring up the side of Maple from the gas transfer station down at the end of Veterans Memorial up past the Veterinarian's office/car dealership. It will take about three weeks to get the bore and two days to pull it in.

They will be almost finished with this project after that point, and they will begin restoration. Mike asked Brian to pay attention once the asphalt restoration work begins.

STORMWATER ASSET INVENTORY – Mike and Daron have a meeting with Stephen Berry and Jonathan McCracken this week. The field work is done. Currently working on compiling all the data and getting it in a file that Stephen can use to update GIS. They do have Buchanan doing some CCTV work trying to fill in some gaps, but they are way ahead of schedule.

BUILDING COLLAPSE 71 SOUTH MAIN STREET – This has been turned over to insurance. The heavy winds Friday night blew some of the glass out, but we have been assured the building is structurally sound on the outside. Drones showed the building at 46 South Main Street has some creases in the roof that need to be looked at. The other roofs looked good.

There needs to be a roof inspection on all the downtown buildings with some kind of frequency. It was suggested Cameron request building owners to have a roof inspection as she visits with them. We might want to consider an ordinance that requires inspection on a routine basis.

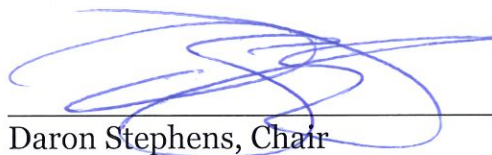
SALT BARN – Plans are complete. Palmer needs a final set of drawings from the building manufacturer. Palmer suggested that the City purchase the building separate from the project, and that should save us on sales tax.

REDWING DRIVE – Brian talked to Derrick Hudson. If we go with Jeff Neal's recommendation, it would be \$2,475. Mike said to proceed.

DOWNTOWN LIGHTS – We are waiting on the lights to come in, and the Fire Department, Public Works, and County Road will put them up. Should be another week. Mike suggested we go on and taken down the existing lights as the storm caused some of them to sag too low. Mike will call Allan Curtis about this.

STAGE – The stage is in and stored at Public Works. We have almost all the money. Both Tourism and the Chamber have donated. Flora gave \$1,000, and she suggested the Heritage Committee donating some. Some of the Chamber members have contacted Kitty about donating to this project as well.

ADJOURN – Hannah made a motion to adjourn; Shanda seconded. Meeting was adjourned.



Daron Stephens, Chair



Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk