

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 5, 2020

Attendees:

Daron Stephens, Engineer
Pat Clark, Public Works Director
JoEllen Reed, City Commissioner
Kitty Strode, City Commissioner
Mike Flynn, Interim City Manager
Shanda Cecil, Planning Department
Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk

NEXT MEETING - November's meeting will be Monday, **November 2, 9:30 AM, in the Commission Chambers.**

MINUTES – The minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting were submitted. JoEllen made a motion to approve; Kitty seconded. Minutes were approved with no corrections.

MAIN STREET SIDEWALKS – The formal approval for contractors is on the agenda at the October 6th City Commission meeting. We have signed the contracts and the notice to proceed. They will be setting up Wednesday at Main and Lexington where they will start on that ramp. Then they will move to the sidewalk in front of Mason's on Main. The Cleveland Avenue ramp will be last. The only outlying piece is the child support office and the suite next to them will have no access once the contractors begin work. Daron and Mike met with Judge Pace and William Elkins and they went into the office and there is no way to do even a temporary fix. So, they are looking to rent a catwalk that would be easily removable for both offices.

LINCOLN STREET DEVELOPMENT – This is also on the City Commission agenda for October 6th. There are two properties remaining that we do not own. This will hold up the project some. Kriss expects to have these properties by next month. Allen Company won the bids for all the work.

PAVING PROGRAM UPDATE – Milling has begun. All of the streets in Royal Oaks Subdivision, portions of Church Alley and Bait Street have been milled. Paving is scheduled to start the latter part of the week, weather permitting. Pat reported receiving complaints about the condition of Meadow Street. Pat anticipates not using as much asphalt as originally bid for Bait Street so he would like to use the remainder to do portions of Meadow Street that are too large for Public Works to do. There will be no additional cost for this. Pat also reported a bad place in the asphalt at the top of Meadow Street near the Generation Center. He suspects this is caused by an underground spring. Next year, Public Works will go in and repair that spot.

CITY HALL AUDIOVISUAL UPGRADES – We are taking out all the sound equipment and moving it to the back of the room, which is where Eric will run it. We are replacing analog with digital equipment. Microphones are being replaced. Two new cameras will be installed in the back and one in the front corner. It will give us more capabilities and it will go straight to Facebook Live. We are getting a newer projector. We are hoping this will be funded through CARES monies and the approximate \$10,000 allocated in the budget for this project.

DUBUY DRIVE – Public Works finished this project. We have quotes to clean out the rest of the vacant lots, which belong to Mayday-Hanna. Mayday-Hanna has been requested to attend the October 19th Administrative Hearing Board meeting because they owe over \$6,000 in liens and this project has been quoted at \$8,800.

PARKING LOT RESTORATIONS – The parking lots have been sealed, and Public Works has restriped them. The lots were only closed for about half a day. The upper end of the Broadway lot has a lot of cracking, but the sealing should give us another few years before we have to repave that area.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Bells Alley Closure** – We have not heard back from Mark Simpson as to whether Central Baptist will accept our proposal. The double barrel 48” pipe doesn’t go anywhere. It is an underground detention area that Mike Oliver designed. CBC will give us a 20” easement off of Gay going up Bells Alley and one length of pipe off the storm box off Burns and then the church takes over the rest of it.
- **Colby Ridge/Redwing** – Daron is working on the specs for this project and should be done this week. This project is in the City’s current budget. A letter was sent to Wayne Litteral about the lights on Colby Ridge.
- **164 Hood Avenue** – Shanda said the owner was fine with putting language in the deed that they will be responsible for maintaining the area. She will get back in touch with the property owner to see where the deed stands.
- **Royal Oaks** – Mr. Stamper installed gates and no trespassing signs. The proposed building project is on the Planning & Zoning meeting for October 6th.
- **Ratliff Property on West Lexington** – This is on the AHB agenda for October 19th. Shanda expects the board to give Mr. Ratliff a deadline for fixing the outside of the house.
- **519 East Broadway** – This is the Gonyer property across from Hiawatha Trail. There are some sinkholes that have come up in a hillside. There’s a pipe that goes through that hill, and in March 1967 the City Commission approved an easement for that pipe. This easement is not on deeds, plats or anything else that Daron and Pat have found. Public Works is considering whether to do away with the pipe or leave the pipe and put a headwall at the top. Mr. Gonyer cuts the field for hay. The sinkhole has been barricaded off to keep people out.

ADJOURN

JoEllen made a motion to adjourn; Shanda seconded. Meeting was adjourned.