

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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11-05-19 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, David Armstrong, Ray West

Staff Members present: Tom Short, City Administrator, Zeb Carney, Director, and Marcia Weng, Public Works Secretary

Citizens: Abi Almandinger

November 5, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Mike Daugherty.

A motion was made by Ray West to accept the minutes from the August 6, 2019 committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

Citizen Participation: Abi Almandinger, with Vision Carthage, gave a presentation to the committee on proposed Parking Lot improvements. The parking lots are located at 6th and Main (A) and at 5th and Grant (B). The estimated cost of fixing parking lot A is \$69,959.25 and parking lot B is \$90,047.00. Vision Carthage is willing to pay \$5,000.00 for each lot. Improvements include repaving, curb and gutter, flower beds, lighting, benches, and some stamped concrete in a couple of areas. Zeb is to present this plan to the council for the 5 year budget.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Zeb gave a quick review over the agreement with MODOT for the sidewalk improvements and pedestrian traffic at Fairview and Garrison Avenues. The cost to the city will be approximately \$58,000.00. Ceri Otero made a motion to recommend to the council an agreement with MODOT for these improvements. All ayes, motion carried.

Staff Reports

Zeb reported on the following:

Blevins is in town, trying to beat the weather, on paving projects. They were working on the Police Department parking lot and found there was no base rock, only dirt, so they had to fill in with base rock before paving it. They still have High Street, Hazel, McGregor Street and Memorial Hall to finish.

Hunter Chase, the contractors on the Fairview project, are being charged \$500.00 per day in default of being finished behind schedule.

The ditch on Pearl Street, also being done by Hunter Chase, should be completed in a couple of days, weather permitting.

ADM Milling is going to build a new grain elevator. It will rise 160' in the air.

Have been in meetings for a new Crossfit building in the Peachtree subdivision.

Rick Benson, with the new housing project on Hope Drive, has all the sewer and water in. They are hoping to have the base rock and asphalt in before cold weather hits.

The Phelps 9th Addition, off of Wendy, will be needing asphalt soon also.

The new Street Sweeper was ordered in July and should be delivered November 15. The city is looking for a new replacement truck for the Street Department.

The building at 500 Oak Street has been bought by Caleb Patrick. He has been cleaning the building out and is planning on restoring it into a coffee and sandwich shop.

We've had 2 openings in the Street Department and Bob Sanders will be retiring in January. We have rehired Chad Carney, a former Street Department employee. We also have hired Jeff Stevenson and Brad Cardwell.

Tom reported on the following:

Zeb has been working with the Police Department on a pedestrian crossing at Butterball. They have had a couple of employees get injured while crossing from the building to the parking lot. Butterball will cover all expenses for the new crosswalk.

The city is trying to get MODOT to help with transition speeds for the school zone at Fairview School as you come into town.

The TAC Committee is to present to MODOT their projects for the year. Included in those projects is talk of a fast lane interchange at I-49 and Central Avenue. However, the waste water treatment facility could cause problems with being in the way.

The railroad crossing on River Street should be under construction next week.

The city received a sewer camera from CWEP to use for our storm water projects and sewer lines. Our capital improvements may have to be revamped due to the weather we have had this year – a wet summer and now winter is upon us.

The old Sun Loan building on E Airport Drive has been purchased and will now become an Orient Express. A drive thru only for Chinese cuisine.

The city is discussing the possibility of keeping a four way stop at the intersection of Fairview and Hazel.

Ceri Otero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.