

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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08-01-2023 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: David Armstrong, Brandi Ensor, Robin Blair and Chris Taylor

Staff Members present: Zeb Carney, Public Works Director, Greg Dagnan, City Administrator and Rachel Sutherland, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

Chairman David Armstrong called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Chris Taylor to accept the minutes from the June 6, 2023 Committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Discussion of lot split 800 Block of W. Central. Jason Choate wants to sell the back portion of the property that the car wash is being built on. This will create two legal descriptions. This proposed split meets all City Codes and Setbacks.

Brandi Ensor made a motion to forward to Council, all ayes motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Zeb reported on the following:

- Mo Dot to overlay and re-stripe 96 Hwy next year. This will create a left turn lane.
- Building Permits issued are up 60% from last year. There are 34 new houses being built at this time, and 21 of these are pre sold.
- Building Inspectors are keeping very busy. It can take 2-3 days for a commercial building inspection to be completed.
- Code Official 1 job posting is still open.
- Car dealership called and has 1 truck ready to be picked up. Zeb plans to go next Wednesday to get it. The truck that was ordered last year should be ready in approximately 6-9 weeks.
- Would like to see a new ordinance to establish changes that will affect how yard maintenance and junk abatements are handled and charged. We are seeing to many repeat offenders. Robin Blair discussed that she would like to see statistics on how this has benefited other cities. David is in favor of moving forward with changes and suggested it be put on the next Agenda.
- The old Tucker Seed Building had been added to the Demo list. It is owned by Bad Donkey Development, with plans to remodel. They are starting by reinforcing the structure.
- The owner of the old tire store has not responded and we are close to demolishing the building.
- Marion Days are off to a great start. There are many more people in attendance over last year. At least 70,000 people are expected. The campground is full and the food tents are ready to open. The new bathhouse is open. The Nazarene Church has offered their facility as the command center which is giving a nice, cool place.

Greg reported on the following:

- Further discussed that increase proposal for yard maintenance fees, and feels that we have been very generous with warnings and offers of help to people in the past, in rectifying the situations.
- Is having a difficult time getting a response from our Attorney, Melissa, in regards to the Railroad/Bridges ownership situation. The Court of Appeals states that the Railroad does own the bridges.

No further discussion by committee.

Robin Blair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.