

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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3-05-2024 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: 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.

Citizen Present: Mark Elliff.

Brandi Ensor called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chris Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 6, 2024, Committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Discussion and consideration of bid from JKS Construction for Forest St. Culvert repair. This would be the first time the City has used this company, which comes highly recommended. Robin Blair made a motion to accept the bid of \$136,602.60 and send it to the Council. All yes, motion carried.
2. Discussion of the Blevins Contract renewal, and new price increase from \$68.00 per ton to \$75.05 per ton. This is the first increase in several years. Chris Taylor made a motion to accept the contract and send to Council. All Ayes, motion carried.
3. Discussion to surplus 2008 Chevy Impala, the last one that the City owned. Chris Taylor made a motion to send to Council for a Resolution. All yes, motion carried.
4. Discuss proposed lot split at 2535 Grand Ave, Forest Park Church. All paperwork has been submitted and it meets all requirements for split. Robin Blair made a motion to accept/approve and send to Council for a Bill. All yes, motion carried.

Other Business:

1. The solid waste contract with Republic Services is coming up for renewal. We have the option of an automatic renewal for 5 years with Republic, or requesting bids for new service, which can take 4 months. It can be a very large, task to change companies and it is unlikely that we would get a better deal or service with another company. Greg and Zeb will meet with Republic in July to negotiate a contract extension.

Staff Reports:

Zeb reported on the following:

- The Public Works Department has purchased a new truck.
- Zeb has entered his 5-year Capital Budget into Clear Gov and found it very user friendly.
- We had a 25-year agreement with Crosslines for use of a portion of their parking area. This agreement has expired, leaving us with a lack of sufficient parking spots. The Street Department got to work and poured concrete, adding three additional parking spaces.
- The Street Department guys have done an excellent job with The Rock Stadium improvements.
- G3 has officially opened, and it is an amazing complex.
- Terron Roland is the new inspector for Public Works. He is doing a great job and is fitting right in with the rest of the team.

- The Sidewalk on River is nearing completion. We hope to apply for and receive a 2024 TAP Sidewalk Grant to continue River St from Fairview to Southern Hills. We are on Phase 8 of 10 and anticipate this to be an 18-month project.
- Since hiring Wyatt Hettinger, the number of violations being cited has more than tripled. Shaun and Wyatt have split the City into two areas, with each of them being responsible for one area.

Greg reported on the following:

- Since Shaun and Wyatt have increased the Citations the nuisance complaints received at City Hall have stopped.
- Attempted negotiations with Open Gov. about the cancellation of our contract with them have not met with any resolution, therefore Nate will be filing a suit against the company.
- Greg will be on vacation for the next Public Works meeting.
- The City has a contract to sell the Land north of Myers Park.
- The Laundromat that was to be built on the former Myers Park land had failed to break ground within the 1-year agreement. They have not submitted plans to their bank and are still seeking financing for the project. The City is sending a letter that they will have until April 30th to uphold the agreement to start the project, or at that time The City will buy back the property. A developer has purchased a portion of the land and plans to build housing.
- Peachtree Development is expanding and the businesses there are doing very well. Greg took a tour of the new Quadplexes and reports that they are very nice and renting out very quickly. Justin Holzwarth will be starting on 3-bedroom units.
- Greg has been in contact with Law Firm Gilmore & Bell regarding the CID at Peachtree, they advised that all the tax money should be going to The City to be put back into improvements in that area. Greg is working on a Petition to get all the businesses at Peachtree to sign to revamp the CID.
- State Representative, Jill Carter, called asking how she can help with the condition of and need for repairs on bridges in Carthage. Federal Grant would not help, because it would only work on 1 bridge and would still leave a very large amount of money needed. The Railroad owns the bridges but is not obligated to fix the bridges. Greg has calls in to the Attorney to see if anything can be done.

Robin Blair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19. p.m. All Ayes, motion carried.