

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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10-01-2024 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Chris Taylor, Derek Peterson, Lori Leece and Tom Barlow

Staff Members present: Zeb Carney, Public Works Director, Traci Cox, Interim City Administrator, and Rachel Sutherland, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

Citizen Present: Jana Schramm

Chairman Chris Taylor called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

Lori Leece made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2024, Committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

Other Business:

Staff Reports:

Chris Taylor stated that he had received a call from a Citizen regarding the early hours that the Street Sweeper is starting. Zeb explained that it has been running 5 days per week from 4-12am for the last 20+ years to try to be done before the morning traffic, work, school etc.

Derek Peterson made comment about how good the new I-49 Roundabout is looking.

Zeb reported on the following:

- I-49 Roundabout is on schedule, if Blevins shuts down asphalt production for the winter, before it is ready to be paved, we may need to go with concrete to stay on schedule and then lay asphalt when they resume production. The project is projected to be finished by Spring depending on the weather. Zeb is very pleased with this contractor.
- Zeb and Rachel met with the Auditors last week, and it has been a smooth process from our end, as we have been able to provide them with all the information that they have requested.
- Maple Leaf is coming up soon and The Street Department is doing maintenance to get ready for the parade.
- Planning on accepting Bids the end of November for the expansion of Hazel from George E Phelps to Airport to become 3 lanes to help with Semi traffic. The Governors Cost Share Project will give a 50% reimbursement.
- The house demolition the Fire Department had scheduled was completed on October 1st at Zero cost to The City.
- Josiah has reported to Zeb that the utility cut fees for September \$20,000.00 are the largest he has ever had to date.
- Planning & Zoning will meet and discuss Plat for property on River St at Airport Dr. The Developer wants to build 32 single family homes on this land.
- The RR wants \$39,000.00 to review the plans for The McGregor St. Bridge project.

- The Street Departments New Skid Steer has been delivered. A JCB brand was purchased as it was \$20,000.00 cheaper than a CAT Skid Steer and the guy's report that they like it better. We also purchased an extended 5-year warranty.
- Chestnut and Forest Bridges are being overlayed by Blevins this Thursday, Zeb would like to see these bridges opened to traffic by this weekend.
- Engineering is working on plans for the 3rd St. Bridge and hopefully we will be ready to start accepting bids for the project in approximately 8 months.
- Chapel Road to HH project will be ready to bid in November or December.
- Next sidewalk project will be Airport to River Street and Fairview to River Street to Elementary School.
- Jana Schramm made a visit to The Public Works Department on Tuesday to meet the Staff and have a conversation with Zeb.
- Would like to plan a bridge tour for the Public Works Committee on November 5th at 4:30, depending on the weather.
- Carthage has a lot of new residential building going on, we are one of the fastest growing cities in our area.

Traci reported on the following:

- Auditor has been at City Hall and that is going well.

Chris Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. with a second by Derek Peterson. All Ayes, motion carried.