

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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12-03-2024 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, Bill Hawkins, Police Chief and Julie Tilley, Public Works Administrative Coordinator.

Citizen Present: Ron and Regina Wells

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

Derek Peterson made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 1, 2024, Committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

Citizen Participation:

Ron Wells, 2026 S Maple, spoke to the committee about his continuing concern about the speed on his street and the possibility of putting in 2 four-way stop signs at the intersections of Main & Southside and Maple & Southside. He also expressed concern regarding stormwater runoff that is spilling out onto the street at the intersection of Southside and Maple. Regina Wells thanked Police Chief Hawkins for responding to her concerns.

New Business:

1. Discuss construction contract for Governor's Cost Share – Airport Dr. & Hazel Ave. Improvements project awarded to Sprouls Construction in the amount of \$1,098,449.10. Zeb gave a brief description of the overall project. After a brief discussion, Lori Leece made a motion to forward to the council. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Discuss proposed 4 way stop signs at Main & Southside and Maple & Southside. Zeb shared with the committee findings from several Federal studies that reflect that 4 way stop signs near to each other do not help in controlling speed and the accident rate is often increased by 50% in those areas. Police Chief Hawkins reported that increased patrolling in this area has helped but that also has limitations. After further discussion no action was taken.
3. Consider bids for Downtown Square Sidewalks & Streetscaping Restoration Project – the low bidder for this project was received from Hessling Construction in the amount of \$840,406.75. Zeb shared with the committee the challenges of the grant process and the extended timelines that often impact budget and design. This project has been in the works for 3 years and has a 50/50 grant match. The budgeted amount for this project is \$819,000.00. After a brief discussion, Derek Peterson made a motion to accept the low bid of \$840,406.75 and forward to the council. All ayes, motion carried.

Other Business: None

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Staff Reports:

Zeb reported on the following:

- Missouri Regional Bridge Program grant opportunity. The plan is to pursue this grant for the southernmost bridge on North Garrison. This grant does not require a match from the city, and it will probably be at least a year before the city knows if we have been approved.
- Blevins will be shutting down soon, currently they have milled West Chestnut Street from west of the Railroad tracks to Baker and are laying asphalt over that same area. The project should be completed in the next day or so.
- Roller is back in operation.
- Wyatt Hettinger will be leaving the Public Works Department soon to pursue a desire to go into law enforcement. He plans to attend the Police Academy in January. He is an outstanding employee and will be greatly missed.
- Leaf Pick up operations are in full swing and making their way through the city – the program runs through the end of December

Bill Hawkins reported on the following:

- He attended a meeting earlier in the day with the Humane Society and others to discuss some of the ongoing concerns with the financial challenges, the staffing issues and the status regarding taking in animals.

Traci reported on the following:

- She will be meeting with the salary study committee this week to discuss any proposed updates.

Lori Leece made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. All Ayes, motion carried.