

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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FEBRUARY 4, 2025 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Chris Taylor, 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: Laura Phelps, Leanna Canfield, Bren Flanigan, Patt Goff and Jana Schramm.

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

Lori Leece made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 3, 2024, Committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Zeb discussed the Real Estate Contract for Myers Park Subdivision between The City of Carthage and Faik Bilalli and Lumniye Bilalli. He explained that Section 11 of Council Bill 22-44 does not pertain to this sale, because the property sold at full price. The Buyers are trying to get a loan to build but need a new Council Bill redacting Section 11 for this purpose. Tom Barlow made a motion to forward to The Council. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Laura Phelps and Leanna Canfield shared an Architect Drawing of the plans for the new Farmers Market building, which would also serve as a multi-purpose Event Center. She explained that the current Farmers Market would rebrand as Route 66 Market, and they have a projected opening date of April 2026. The McCune-Brooks Foundation, would like an agreement with The City that the parking lot located at 2nd & Howard would not be sold and would remain a public parking lot, for people to use when visiting the Farmers Market. After a brief discussion, Chris Taylor made a motion to forward to Council. All ayes, motion carried.

Other Business: None

Staff Reports:

Zeb reported on the following:

- The City Council Chambers are under construction, to open up the room to allow for more seating.
- Bridge inspection was done today, waiting on the full report to come back, but initial report indicates that the Oak St. Bridge and N. Garrison Bridges need serious attention.
- Discussed the 5-year Capital Budget and projects that he would like to see completed, as well as equipment that would need to be replaced for the Public Works, Street, and Public Health Departments.
- The HH/Garrison Signal will be done this year.
- The Street Dept. has 2 full-time mechanics, they have taken on the responsibility of taking care of the full fleet of City vehicles. They have requested a car lift to make repairs on vehicles easier.
- We will continue to offer the Sidewalk Fund to assist Citizens with covering a portion of the cost of repairs.
- Have applied for a Grant to facilitate the expansion of Baker Blvd.

- Tractor Supply hopes to break ground mid-May for their new location on the East side of Wood Chrysler Dodge dealership.
- Starbucks will be opening for business February 14th or 15th.
- The Public Works Department has hired Nick Johnson to replace Wyatt Hettinger for the Official Code Enforcement. The Street Department has hired Chance Howerton, looking forward to bringing both on board.
- The shaking that has been felt in town is due to Schreiber's blasting dynamite everyday around 1:30, this is expected to continue for approximately 45 more days.

Traci reported on the following:

- Our new Tourism Director, Melissa Little, is working on getting information out to The Public regarding the Sidewalk Project.
- She is working on the next Fiscal Year Budget.

Lori Leece made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. All Ayes, motion carried.