

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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MAY 6, 2025, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Derek Peterson, Ron Wells, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

Staff Members present: Josiah Bayless, Interim Director of Public Works and Rachel Sutherland, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

Citizens Present: There were approximately 10 Citizens present.

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

Ron Wells made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 1, 2025, Committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

Citizen Participation: Sally Stewart, 1118 Belle Air Pl, spoke on behalf of Vision Carthage. They are planning Dumpster Day on Sunday, June 8th, which will take place in the parking lot of Memorial Hall. Jackson Tire will accept Tire Disposal for free, and she is working on getting companies for Scrap Metal and Paint disposal. Sally also spoke of plans for Cosmetic Improvements for The Oak St. Bridge in anticipation of the 100th Anniversary of Route 66.

New Business:

1. Josiah discussed the issues with the interior bump outs on the Downtown Square Sidewalk Project. The current plan would interfere with snow removal. He said an option might be flush mount with asphalt, which would make snow removal easy. This could potentially save The City money, and the savings could go towards an inlay of cast iron ADA mats that would match the others in the area. This change would not extend or delay the completion date.
2. Verizon Wireless has requested to set up a temporary cell tower at 2031 S Main St. for Marian Days 2025. A motion was made by Jack Perkins to forward to City Council for an Ordinance, all ayes, motion passed.
3. Discussion of the Bid received from Elements Construction Concepts, LLC for West Macon and Center St. box culverts. Josiah explained the need for new box culverts, from the original ones that are from the 1930's, that can handle the increase of storm water runoff. The W. Macon culvert would be \$164,905.00 and the Center St., culvert would be \$144,010.00. A motion was made by Ron Wells to forward to Council for an Ordinance to enter a contract with Elements Construction, all ayes, motion carried.
4. Discussion of the requested lot split on E. Fir Rd, behind the Dodge Dealership. This is currently a 20.5-acre parcel that the current owner wants to split off a 4.1-acre portion for a new business coming to town. Motion made by Jack Perkins to send to Council for a Resolution, all ayes, motion carried.
5. Consideration of the bid acceptance from Elite Site Work for the HH and Chapel Road Sidewalk. This project is a 80/20 SS4A Grant, The City's portion of cost will be \$290,000.00. This sidewalk will tie the 2 schools together and will extend south to Wyndham Ln., making it safer for kids walking to school and home. Ron Wells made a motion to forward to The Council for an Ordinance to enter a contract, all ayes, motion carried.
6. Consider bid acceptance from JKS Construction for box culvert replacement on E Chestnut St. This bid came in at \$165,000.00 which was \$80,000.00 less than the other company that submitted a bid. David Thorn made a motion to forward to The Council for an Ordinance to enter a contract, all ayes, motion carried.

Other Business:

- Ron Wells expressed concerns about the front yard parking and potholes around town
- Jack Perkins addressed junk in yards and cars parked in lawns by front doors

Staff Reports:

- Josiah reported that The Hazel-Airport Road Widening started last week, and this will be a long project
- The City is applying for a grant for the 14-million-dollar project to widen Baker St.
- The process of getting the Elk Street Roundabout ready for the placement of the Maple Leaf Monument will hopefully start in June.

Ron Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. All Ayes, motion carried.