

# PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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## AUGUST 5, 2025, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Staff Members present: Josiah Bayless, Director of Public Works, Traci Cox, City Administrator, and Rachel Sutherland, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

Citizens Present: Bren Flanigan, Beth King, and Sally Stuart.

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 of the June 3, 2025, Committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

### New Business:

1. Josiah discussed the HH & Chapel Rd. Sidewalk project. The City has accepted the bid from Elite to do this project, but we have received a letter from MoDot explaining that Elite is non-concurrence, so they are not an approved contractor. The same situation applies to the next company in line, which is ATS Contractors. The third company, Hessling, has been approved and agreed to lower their bid to match what ATS had submitted. After some discussion, The Committee decided to table this decision until more information is available. Ron Wells made a motion to table this decision and add to the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, all ayes, motion carried.
2. Josiah explained the request for re-allocation of funds from a new shed for The Street Dept. for the purchase of a tractor from the Carthage Special Roads Dist. The current side arm tractor/mower is on its last leg, and this is a vital piece of equipment for mowing hilly areas to ensure the safety of employees. The cost of the tractor would be \$25,000.00, a quote Josiah got 2 years ago on a new tractor was \$143,000.00, so this would be major savings for The City. Ron Wells made a motion to forward this to The Budget Ways and Means Committee, all ayes, motion passed.

### Other Business:

### Staff Reports:

- Josiah reported that Sally Stuart is planning the next Dumpster Day for October 4<sup>th</sup>, to be held at the Fair Acres parking lot.
- Josiah explained that Hessling uncovered voids around the Square that were previously unknown. The discovery of one large void by the Tuxall Building, resulted in \$17,766.00 being billed to The City. The original design of the sidewalk at 301 Main St. was not properly done to meet ADA requirements and resulted in a \$6,795.00 charge. Even with these change orders it is still less than 10% of the total contract price and money was saved on the project with changes that were made to the bump outs.
- Josiah has been looking into ordering Grates to cover some of the open trenches at a cost of over \$12,400, the Street Dept. can do the installation to save money. Traci would like to have this done before Maple Leaf.
- Sprouls Construction is requesting an extension on the Airport Rd & Hazel St. project and Josiah is going to talk to Doug Sprouls about speeding up the process. The project has been delayed due to utilities that were not located on maps, and Spire is in the process of relocating the gas line.
- The E. Chestnut Box Culvert project has begun.

- We are currently looking to fill the position of Street Dept. Superintendent and the will be left open for a couple of weeks.
- One position of Maintenance Tech for the Street Dept. has been filled.
- FEMA has sent a letter regarding the flood plain map; some areas of town will be altered, which could affect flood insurance for some property owners. This is based on the 100-year flood.
  
- Traci reported that she is closing out the Financials for FYI 2025
  
- Derek requested that discussion of bridges be put on the September 2<sup>nd</sup> PWC Agenda.

David Thom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. All Ayes, motion carried.