

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

JANUARY 3, 2022

Attendees:

Daron Stephens, Engineer
Mike Flynn, City Manager
Kitty Strode, City Commissioner
JoEllen Reed, City Commissioner

Pat Clark, Public Works Director
Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk
Shanda Cecil, Planning Department

NEXT MEETING – Monday, February 7, 9:30 AM, in the Training Room.

MINUTES – JoEllen made a motion to approve the December 6, 2021 minutes; Kitty seconded. Minutes approved.

STORMWATER ISSUES

- **Jett Drive** – The Allen Company has the pipe and are waiting delivery of the manhole structures. Latest communication indicated they will arrive next week. The crews will fill excavations with stone until the asphalt plants open back up. Then they will remove the stone and fill in the asphalt, and this job will be complete.
- **Ongoing Stormwater Studies** - Integrated Engineering is still working on these. They have completed the camera inspections for the Wall Alley area and begun surveying work on a couple of these jobs. The camera inspection revealed a collapse around the Maple Street area that affects the Wall Alley stormwater. As it comes across Maple, it goes under a house and under that house, a collapse has been identified. The house is across the street cater-cornered to Kevin Osburn's house. The storm sewer is not very deep and there are a lot of trees that drop leaves that cover the grates quite frequently. Some of this will be homeowners' upkeep, but we will review options for improvements.
- **Buffalo Trace** – We are starting to get phone calls again from this area. W&R nearly tripled the detention basin, which has helped. However, the water that comes off the Green's farm, which is in the county, increases the velocity of the water coming off the hill into Buffalo Trace. Previously, a pond was on the Green property, which helped the water runoff problems; however, the pond was removed. Brian Ward is working up a proposal which will extend from W&R's development down to the end of the subdivision to stabilize the creek. Jeff McKinney at 212 Buffalo Trace has floor joists that are rotting in the crawlspace because it stays so wet. His residence seems to be suffering the most. A retaining wall might help or we may have to put some detention in. We will see what suggestions Brian comes back with.
- **Town Branch Projects** – Palmer is in a holding pattern at the Cartwright location on Broadway until the Commission decides how to proceed with regard to potential purchase of the Cartwright building. This will be discussed at the January 4th commission meeting. The design is moving forward at the Family Dollar building location.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **FY22 Concrete Program** – We have finished nearly 90% of the state curbs. Approximately 400 feet on Winn Avenue and a little on Mount Sterling Road is all that is left from the original scope of work. We have a section in front of the Dairy Queen that needs the curb restriped. Daron and Shanda sold four sidewalk projects during the past week. Southern

will be starting on these this week. We have the permit for the handicapped ramp at Broadway, but we are waiting to see the outcome of the Town Branch stormwater projects before we start the job. We still do not have the permits for the KDOT bulb outs. Both permit requests were submitted at the same time.

- **Lincoln Street** – The houses are going up. The house closest to Hickman will be dedicated Saturday, January 8th. Habitat poured the sidewalks when they poured the driveways for the current construction sites.
- **Fifth Street** – Palmer Engineering has completed the survey. They will start the design within the next couple weeks.
- **Jackson Street Bridge** – Talked to Stephanie Blain, and she will have the road profile this week for us to consider. The water and gas lines will be buried. There will be a culvert in the center where the railroad used to be.
- **Farmer's Market** – This project is moving along at a rapid pace. They are doing a really good job. Mike is talking with the contractor about getting a price on painting and repairing the house on top of the silos and the silos themselves.
- **Vaught Road** – They will be surveying this week to finalize the design so we can get this out to bid. We would like to build it this summer. We need to have the bids ready by May for a July/August start date. We have three years in which to expend the grant funds.
- **Winn Avenue Storm Study** – There is a storm water study being conducted by Palmer Engineering, which is in the preliminary stages.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- **538 Maple Street (Lanter)** – Travis Griggs is going to demolish this house by the end of the month.
- **352 Boone Avenue** – The AHB cited Lakeview Financing \$500, and they paid the citation. They are trying to get a contractor so they can fix this house.
- **66 South Main** – Perry Williams is going to buy this building. It is an extensive process because the deed was handwritten, very old, and included two parcels. They had to do a consolidation deed. The survey work is now finished, and we are just waiting on a closing date.

ADJOURN – Shanda made a motion to adjourn; Pat seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Daron Stephens, Chair

Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk