

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

JANUARY 9, 2023

Committee Attendees:

Daron Stephens, Engineer
Mike Flynn, City Manager
Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk
Hannah Toole, City Commissioner

Brian Sewell, Public Works Interim Director
Shanda Cecil, Planning
Kitty Strode, City Commissioner

NEXT MEETING – Monday, February 6, 9:30 AM, in the Training Room.

MINUTES – Mike made a motion to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes; Shanda seconded. Minutes approved.

TOWN BRANCH UPDATE – The Family Dollar end of West Broadway is out to bid. Bid opening will be January 26th at 2:00 p.m. with a pre-bid meeting January 17th at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who bids on the project must attend this meeting. A pre-bid meeting allows us as the owner an opportunity to point out certain aspects of the project that we don't want contractors to miss. We considered a change order with Sunesis but it was cost prohibitive. There are a total of 29 pylons that have to be drilled to attach to the retaining wall; 9 are complete. Up next to the existing brick retaining wall, they found bedrock that is very hard. They moved out 10 feet and it is soil. They are making up time on one row while they are losing time on the next row. This project needs to be completed, since we have had a hole there since October 7, 2021.

WALL-MAPLE STORM SEWER – We explored the possibility of injecting the water runoff into the sinkhole. The first drilling did not locate the sinkhole. The Geotech engineer has been asked to give a proposal to perform five more drillings to locate the void under these properties. If we can locate this void, it will decrease the amount of required pipework and it would have significant cost savings. They made it 53' at Carmack Kersey's yard but found nothing there, so they stopped and filled it back up. They should have hit the void at 30'. There is a well installed near the driveway. It did go to 100' but they still did not hit the void. Originally, they chose not to drill in the asphalt in Mr. Hendricks' property; however, based upon their findings, they will drill in the center of the driveway. The point of putting in the wells and monitoring the rainfall was to measure the pressure of the water in the wells to know how much they can put in there. The first well is filling up and they are having to pump it out. It is a matter of how much money do we throw at it trying to find the void. After they finish the fifth hole, we are not digging any more. We authorized \$900,000 in this budget for this project.

FIFTH STREET UPDATE – We have a meeting scheduled with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Division of Water to look at the stream. There is a concern with how some of the habitats may be affected since we are making the stream shorter. They are looking at trees and the impact in that area. Hopefully, we will have an answer by the end of the month. When we get that approved, this project is ready to go to bid. This is the last step.

COLUMBIA GAS MAIN REPLACEMENTS – They had stopped on this project but have now restarted. They have been on Magnolia and Mt. Sterling Roads.

STORMWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT – We are approximately 60% correct in GIS. We want to get this in the 90-95% range. They are still focusing on the forms to get the most bang for the buck. We have crawled through lots of piping at Crossbrook and Ascot. This area was chosen because it is a relatively new subdivision but still has a lot of holes. This is the pilot project. Technically, we have done what is required for the MS4 requirements. Ultimately the City and GIS will be provided all of the mapping of pipes and structures, a data sheet for each storm sewer structure, photos, connectivity, etc. Buchanan is CCTV cameraing all the pipes to figure out how things connect. It will help manage our assets in the future. Public Works should be able to look at the maps on their phone or Ipad in the future and find out what they need.

VAUGHT ROAD – All reporting is up to date, and all permitting is complete. We have a 319 grant (60 EPA/40 City). Project will go to bid in April or May and be built by August. This project will improve water quality and reduce flooding levels.

CITY HALL RENOVATIONS – All four bathrooms are complete with the exception of HVAC on the second floor. Ron's HVAC is going to do the project and save us a few thousand dollars on mini split units. Mike's office is finished. Getting ready to start on Dianna's office and then move to the Mayor's office. This should be the end of the project. In the new budget, we will have something for updating the commission chambers. The outside of the building needs to be painted, new windows are needed, etc. We may have to upgrade the water service coming into the building.


GENERAL COMMENTS – Welcome to Brian and Hannah. Explanation of City projects: City projects must affect more than two properties. We must have an easement and we have to have the budget. On Candlewood, three property owners went together and filled in a ditch and put in a pipe. This is private; City has no responsibility here.

SPLASH PARK – Mike has been meeting with Brian and Jeff. Brian is finalizing the design plans and will put it out to bid in February. There will be a presentation to the Commission at the next meeting. It is going to cost more than was originally projected. Parks will have to do some fundraising and go to the Fiscal Court to see if they will put in some money. It will exceed \$500,000. Public Works will have to help with some in kind work, and it will be built this year. It will also increase the budget for Parks because they are going to need more employees. The City has funded ¾ of their budget for the last two years.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION – Shanda will get a price from Robert Shearer for the property at 204 Winn Avenue and we will reach out to Oscar about his property on Mutual Avenue.

24 HUGHES – Travis Griggs finished demolishing 24 Hughes and is moving to Lincoln Street to do the preliminary work for Phase 2. Trees and fence down on Lincoln Street and a garage.

ADJOURN – Mike made a motion to adjourn; Hannah seconded. Meeting was adjourned.



Daron Stephens, Chair



Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk