

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

APRIL 4, 2022

Attendees:

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

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

NEXT MEETING – Monday, May 2, 9:30 AM, in the Training Room.

MINUTES – Shanda made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 minutes; Kitty seconded. Minutes approved.

STORMWATER ISSUES

- **Town Branch** – Received a status set of plans from Palmer Engineering for Family Dollar site showing the basic layout. Plans are not yet finalized. We still need to do the utility relocation plan, and structural information is expected by April 15th. Stephanie is working with Columbia Gas to lower some gas lines. They are also working on the demolition plan for the Cartwright building. This will go to bid and we will get the building down and the parking lot stabilized. Estimate: One month away.
- **110 Powe Drive** – Shanda contacted the homeowner complaining about this. They have a floodplain permit. The owner of 110 Powe needs to get with the complainant, and they need to clean out the stream.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Columbia Gas Installation/Replacement of Lines** – Columbia Gas is almost up Holly with the gas line replacements, which will eventually go over to Mt. Sterling Road. Project schedule is approximately 6-9 months. They have not gotten to restoration yet.
- **Maryland Avenue** – John Smith has committed to repave this street.
- **FY2022 Concrete Services Update** – The contractors will replace the curb at the corner of Maple and Boone and then move to Engine House to start on the bulb-outs. Daron had a talk with the contractor because we have way more curb repairs than we should. There are sections coming apart (i.e., Maple and Boone). These were some of the first curbs they put in, and they have done a better job as they have gone along. Daron is starting to rewrite the bid specs to bid this for FY23 and hopes to get this out by the end of the month, so we won't have a lapse in services. There will be low maintenance plantings in the bulb-outs on Main Street.
- **Farmers Market Update** – We gave them the go ahead on the signage to put the Sphar Company logo on one side. The tin is finished, and the gutters are up. It is looking very good. They have been putting in the piping under the concrete under the canopy. Jason Stanfield volunteered to do landscaping around the sign. The chain link fence was put up because the Mayor was concerned about someone climbing the silos. We will evaluate whether to keep this fencing.
- **Fifth Street** – Waiting on plans from Palmer Engineering. We will be moving the fire hydrant and constructing the cul de sac, as well as graveling the alleyway and cleaning it up.

- **Jett Drive Update** – There is one punch list item left to do and this project will be done.
- **222 Cook Avenue** – Fence is going in. The building plans were sent to Palmer and Poage for the foundation plans. When we receive these, we will bid the project. Daron talked to Dave Thomas at Cantrells about some lighting that throws light out while protecting the property behind. Their lighting design guy will figure out how many lights will be needed. Then we need to decide whether we are going to do poles on our own or have KU set security lights. We have two poles left from the downtown traffic signals that we could utilize.

BLUEGRASS RTC

- **Fulton Road Update** – The Corps of Engineers permit has been resent by Palmer. They are wanting to get this bid this year. As soon as we get this permit, they will move forward.
- **7th Street Update** – There is an issue with a gas line. There is a gas line that Columbia Gas says does not exist, but Palmer says it does exist. It is a 6” high pressure private gas line that runs to the Rockwell building. Columbia Gas does not have it on any of their maps. We may be looking at some changes on 7th Street.
- **Bypass Extension** – They are moving along within the next few months with property acquisition. This project scored fairly high on the Shift scores for 2022. Ryan Dotson said he had gotten the timeline pushed up. They are working on the environmental assessment now. Lochner found a 3-person graveyard in the area. Vaughn & Melton are the engineers. This fall there will be public meetings set up probably at the high school so everyone can come and voice their opinions on the project. We are probably looking at two years before they actually start turning the dirt.
- **Feasibility Studies** – One study that caught Daron’s eye was Carol Road at Lexington Avenue, a congestion relief study. What their intent is we do not know. There were several options looked at in the past, including the Huls property. The other studies centered around the Bypass.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Flexamat** – Shanda learned of this project at a recent training event. Flexamat provides a stable and permanent erosion control that holds the bank in place and allows grass to grow. You can also mow over this material. The Licking River Bank stabilization was done with this. These materials could be used at Buffalo Trace if we are not able to work out a deal to move it to the other side.
- **Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs** – Shanda presented a map of the flood areas around Winchester and said that she would work on grants if we see the need.
- **City Hall Entrance Proposal** – The Mayor has some bricks in his office that he has collected throughout the years. He has asked Mike to figure out a purpose for these bricks. Stuart Joynt is busy so he did not have time to devote to this project. The gentleman Mike is talking with did the pedestals at the Community Trust Bank park. There is a concrete entrance that comes into City Hall that Mike wants to replace. One proposal is to incorporate the bricks into this concrete when we replace it. We know this area will be driven on and we will be throwing salt on it in the winter. Pat said that they throw salt on Depot Street, and it seems to be fine, so this probably will not be a concern. Another idea is to construct a bench to be placed under the Mayor’s window. Mike asked everyone to consider ideas for the bricks and we will discuss at our May meeting.
- **McCann Drive** – Greater Clark wants a stoplight at McCann Drive, and the State has denied the request because the ADP was too low. Across the street, Forrest McCord and

Tim Crowe are putting in 90 condos and they have been denied an encroachment permit to connect to Lexington Avenue unless their entrance lines up with McCann Drive. Residents will be allowed a right turn into the area and a right turn out. They will not be allowed to turn left toward the Bypass. Once Fulton Road is complete, residents could go that way to the Bypass.

Brian Ward called Daron to see if the City would approve the right turn in, right turn out. Daron had the idea of straightening McCann Drive to line up with the street in the new development. If we do that, we may be able to entice the State to install a signal. If you line the streets up, you can have a crosswalk. Current ADP is 32 (average vehicles per hour). The state requires 500 to warrant a signal unless it is a public safety issue. The crosswalk might warrant the signal.

Originally, the condo development called for more units. If they can keep the road straight, McCord & Crowe will probably add more units back in. The park wants a signal and a crosswalk. The development wants to be able to turn left to go toward the Bypass. The partners (Greater Clark, Forrest McCord and Tim Crowe) should pay for the study and come up with a plan that they present to the commission. We would accept maintenance of the finished product.

There was discussion about a business owner on Fulton Road and his junk cars. They are parked on both sides of the street and in lots and yards. Mike said as the Fulton Road project progresses, we should send a certified letter to ask him to start moving these vehicles.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- **Welcome to Winchester Sign at Rolling Hills** – Daron talked to Scott Miller and the ball dropped there. He said he had not received the 50% down payment yet. Daron will get this written up. Daron suggested renaming the Industrial Park to Denham Industrial Park. We should run this by the Industrial Authority and the City Commission.

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



Daron Stephens, Chair

Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk

