

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

JULY 9, 2021

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

Guests:

Arlen Horton, 307 Jett Drive
Art Pandaru, 309 Jett Drive

NEXT MEETING - August's meeting will be Thursday, **August 5, 9:30 AM, in the Training Room.**

MINUTES – Shanda made a motion to approve the June 14, 2021 minutes; JoEllen seconded. Minutes were approved.

STORMWATER ISSUES

1. **Jett Drive** – This is an ever-evolving issue. When the State widened Interstate 64, it put more runoff on Jett Drive, which at that time was not totally developed. When Jett Drive was extended by the developers (Andy and Tony Slone), it appears that the water runoff problem was not considered. In conversations with staff, the developers have stated that the engineer (Bob Baldwin) said they were OK. Mr. Pandaru and Mr. Horton live on Jett Drive. Shanda and Daron met with Jonathan Taylor, Leisa Taylor Jones, Mr. Pandaru and Mr. Horton. Jonathan agreed to get with his engineering team and perform some modeling work to determine what size pipe would be required to take the water down to the drainage area. Those calculations will be sent to Mr. Slone. Daron talked to Andy Slone and let him know that based upon the information it will be required that the developer make the necessary repairs. That section of the road was built approximately 2½ years ago, and that was well after the interstate was widened. In addition, Mr. Slone acknowledges that he met with Jonathan Taylor prior to building the road and Mr. Taylor told him that it would be on him to make sure it was built correctly. This was approximately five years ago. Based upon review of the area, there needs to be a large catch basin next to Lisa Jones' house and a 36-48" pipe going around the end of the cul-de-sac. Mike will talk with Bill Dykeman and talk to the City Commission in closed session, with anticipation that a letter will be drafted to send to the developer requesting that they make the improvements and rectify the situation. We need to let him know that we are aware of the problem and the DOT has made the statement that the developer is responsible. The City is not responsible. Mr. Pandaru and Mr. Horton expressed thanks to the City for reviewing this situation with the developers. They are currently building two more homes behind 307 Jett Drive and two more houses at the end of the cul-de-sac. The question was asked whether we can issue a stop work order against the Slones. First, we need to see if he is within guidelines in building these houses.
2. **Windridge Drive** – We have had flash floods, and it is causing a lot of problems all over town. We had Palmer do a study from the Bypass to Hampton Manor, and it came up with ¼" savings in elevation—not enough to justify the cost of doing further work. Mike thinks we are OK in this area. We just need to monitor the erosion. Look at doing stream

stabilization techniques in the future. The pipe going under the interstate is undersized. When they do the last stretch of the Bypass, they could do some work to help with the situation.

3. **North Main** – Daron stated that we need to do a study of the area from 609 North Main Street down to Barnes Drive.
4. **Barlow Drive** – Jenny Crawford has lots of issues with water. Public Works went out a few years ago and did some channel rock to help with erosion. Robert Collins on Holiday Road has a similar situation. We need to get an engineer to do a design study to give us the solution for fixing the problems. Pat suggested Pat Darnell.

KYTC CROSSWALKS – Lexington Avenue at Wall, Court, Cleveland and Leeds are all coming out with the exception of the north side of Court. In response to that, Mike and Daron will meet with Natalia from DOT and Daron did designs for the bump-outs that the state is requiring at all of the intersections. We are going to narrow the road to 24' in these areas. The bump-out will be 9'. The curb at the CVS site will be brought out to meet 24'. This should allow them to recognize that as a crosswalk again. We are looking at the lumen output also. Lights will be updated to 22,000 lumen lights as required. There will be a bump-out on each side of the street at Leeds, and we will narrow the street to 24'. All of them (except Lexington Avenue) will have a curb that will be filled with rock. At the Leeds location, we are going to try to do something a little more aesthetically pleasing. We will be losing a total of six parking spots downtown. Parking spots have to be 22-26', so we are looking at the size of the spots to see if we can reclaim a spot or two. Once the jail gets the release for their inmates to be able to work, we should be able to get some help cleaning up downtown.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Lincoln Street Redevelopment** – As soon as Columbia Gas finishes, Allen Company will begin work again with approximately one month work remaining. Kriss is working with John Rompf on the deeds. There will be six lots – one built by us and five by Habitat.
- **FY2022 Concrete Program** – Daron is working on the list of sidewalks. The contractor has the first work order of approximately 7500' of state curbs and they are supposed to be here on the 19th to begin work. Dianna sent letters to residents informing them of the work in their area.
- **Vaught Road** – Shanda received an email saying they want us to start this project now. We are getting the contracts signed. It is in the budget for this year. There is some work on Palmer that needs to be done so we are not sure we can get this bid and ready by the end of the year.
- **Colby Ridge Streetlights** – Bill sent a letter to Wayne Littrell. Their electrician has been “on the way” for at least two months. We are referring Littrell to the Administrative Hearing Board and he could potentially start getting a daily fine. He is on the agenda for July 19th.
- **Royal Oaks/Plantations Side Streets** – Pat reported that everything has been dug out, stone put back and eight tons of asphalt. Hopefully by the end of the day, the surface will be done. The entrance is already complete. We should be at the point of accepting the side streets very soon. The HOA needs to continue to have a private contractor mowing. They need to be made aware that they will continue to maintain these areas. The City will only be responsible for maintaining the streets. The only other concern was the rose bushes and other plants right out at the road. We will not put salt on the roads because they will eat the concrete driveways. Public Works will just scrape the roadways and not put salt down out there. In the Royal Oaks Estates portion, there needs to be one point repair and the trash grate to install. It will take a long dry stretch for us to get back in to make the repairs.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- **French/Main** – Ed Newell, who lives at the corner of French and Main, has a catch basin that floods out. He is concerned about losing part of his driveway. He wants the pipe to be larger. We already have a problem down on Wall Street. Jenny Baily is one of the affected people. Could we look at a storm water survey for that area? Shanda asked about the possibility of an infiltrator pipe that holds and then releases the water at a slower level. This is not a viable option because of the area that would have to be used. We will put this on an engineering list to do.
- **Proof Rolls** – Daron asked if it was possible to start charging for proof rolls. Daron, Pat and Brian have been tied up on 11 proof rolls for two streets at Tucker Farms. They have had to go out several times on very short notice. The contractor should be allowed two proof rolls. Everyone was OK with charging. Pat suggested that the design engineer do the proof rolls and they do not call the City until the engineer says it will pass. The ordinance would have to be changed.

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