

# MINUTES

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

### AUGUST 1, 2022

**Committee Attendees:**

Daron Stephens, Engineer  
Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk  
JoEllen Reed, City Commissioner

Pat Clark, Public Works Director  
Kitty Strode, City Commissioner  
Jonathan McCracken, Prime AE

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

**MINUTES** – Kitty made a motion to approve the July 5, 2022 minutes; Pat seconded. Minutes approved.

**NORTH MAIN STREET STORMWATER STUDY**

Jonathan McCracken, Prime AE, presented plans and a preliminary cost estimate for the North Main Street Stormwater Study, from Mt. Sterling Road to Barnes. There is no storm sewer in this area. Linden Avenue and Main Street intersection is where we get the most complaints. The State maintenance takes over at Magnolia and Main. The plans try to minimize the impact to the current sidewalks. They will replace the sidewalks from Barnes Drive to the storage unit. Some of this area does not currently have sidewalks, but the proposal will include them.

Prime AE has been coordinating with Columbia Gas and WMU. Preliminarily looking at coming down Main Street from Mt. Sterling and milling and replacing the roadway rather than having the trenches down the center of Main Street. Paving limits go up Linden and Magnolia to do some on those streets. There are six street crossings with laterals coming over to catch basins. There are seven catch basins. On each street crossing, they will backfill with dense grade aggregate and compacted lifts. Backfill the pipes with #9. Recommend 6” concrete cap on top of the cut and then asphalt. Prices are in flux so this estimate represents their best guess. They figured in a 20% contingency and miscellaneous site improvement allowance, so we won’t have to request a small change order from the Commission. Total cost estimate is \$967,216. This project will be deferred to FY2024. Jonathan will get the final proposal, and Prime AE will be at the August 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. meeting.

Regarding the grants, there are a lot of unanswered questions. We do not know if there will be a match on the grants. We do not know if there is a deadline for submission.

**UPDATE ON WALL/MAPLE STORM SEWER PROJECT**

Jonathan has been working on final design, coordinating with the geotechnical engineer to do mapping of the sinkhole in the back yard of Carmack Kersey. They will be doing mapping August 12<sup>th</sup> with drilling August 19<sup>th</sup>. Notification has already been given to the two residents affected. There will be some sinkhole remediation. There is a stray utility running through the structure in the back yard. They will work with Columbia Gas or WMU to get it relocated. There is an inlet on the westside of South Main that will be replaced, and they will be going west from there. There is no plan to get into South Main. We are looking at almost \$1,000,000 for this project. It will quadruple this amount if we look at upsizing the pipes from South Main.

## **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Daron and Mike met with Jonathan McCracken and Eddie Gilkinson about an Asset Management Plan. In the past, Shanda was going to use Banks to map our storm sewer. They basically took the map from GIS and confirmed what we already knew at a cost of \$9,700. We still had the same gaps that we had before. Then they sent an invoice for \$3,000 to have Popeyes come in and fill in the gaps.

Our pilot project for the asset management plan will be Colby Ridge. They are working right now to get us an estimate on what it will take to map the whole area. We will map it watershed by watershed. Colby Ridge Subdivision is one entire watershed. Stephen Berry provided everything we have on GIS about storm. They know what is expected. Once this is done, then we will create a numbering system that makes sense to us. When we are done with all 9 watersheds, we will have a database of every structure with pictures, depths, pipe sizes, deterioration levels, etc. It is not going to be cheap, and it is not going to be quick, but it is something that has been needed for a while. We have a push camera that is in the budget, and it will take two people to run it.

## **TOWN BRANCH**

JoEllen said we need to have a Town Branch Master Plan, and we need to get it out from under all buildings. Right now, we know that the portion under the Kerr Building is in good shape, but that will eventually have to come out also. It also needs to come out from under Beverly White Towers and the fire station on Maple Street.

## **EAST BROADWAY BUILDING DEMOLITION**

Bid was awarded to Sunesis, and contracts signed. A preconstruction meeting was held with Sunesis, Poage, Palmer Engineering, and the City. We have asked for a formal proposal for the Family Dollar repairs also. Bill is going to have to find out if we can change order that part of the project. Daron thinks we can because we are still under the same emergency declaration. Sunesis plans to start work September 6<sup>th</sup>. We told them not to talk with anyone except someone from the City. They are to direct their employees to talk with Daron.

## **FIFTH STREET CUL-DE-SAC PROJECT**

The plans have been sent to WMU to extend the water lines and move the fire hydrant. Palmer is finalizing everything they need to do (which includes two permits). We hope to see some movement on this project very soon.

## **FY2023 CONCRETE PROGRAM**

Southern is beginning with steps and sidewalk at a building on South Main close to Broadway.

## **CROSSWALKS & BUMP-OUTS**

There was a discussion about the pros and cons of the mid-block crosswalks and the bump-outs, which are required by the State if we want to keep the crosswalks. The discussion included elevated crosswalks and other options. We have received a lot of complaints about the bump-outs. This will be included in the next Public Works agenda for a final recommendation to the City Commission.

## **FY2023 PAVING PROGRAM**

There are 21 streets on the list this year. Three are alleys (Waldo, Green, and a portion of Bell's Alley). This will be advertised in the paper August 5<sup>th</sup>, and bids will be opened August 12<sup>th</sup>. With the fluctuating prices, we may not be able to do all the streets. The State recently paid \$122/ton where the previous price had been \$80/ton.

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

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Daron Stephens, Chair

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Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk