

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

AUGUST 5, 2021

Attendees:

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

Bridget Stidham, Public Works Assistant
Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk
Shanda Cecil, Planning Department

Guests:

Duke Dryden, WMU General Manager

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

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

WMU CONSENT DECREE PROJECT

WMU developed a consent decree project that would go through the Flanagan/Madison/Evans/South Maple/Broadway/Highland/Buckner/Franklin/Park/Washington/Ashland/Johnson area tying into the trunk sewer, running parallel to Town Branch most of the way. \$6.43 million project. Duke was invited to our meeting to discuss the City tagging along with their project when we perform our updates.

The full-length of this project is contingent upon funding. It may have to be phased if they don't receive adequate funding. The first part goes from the wastewater plant to Industrial Park; approximately \$2.5 million. They are looking at ways to scale this down to just take care of the overflows and have a phase 2. The worst case scenario is that they would have to delay the project again, in which case they would have to pay approximately \$18,000 in fines. They have put in for every grant they can, including through FEMA, KIA funding and the Green Water Program (Building a Better Kentucky Plan). There are 17 federal consent decree projects in Kentucky that WMU is competing against, including Kenton/Campbell and Boone, all Sanitation District I. These other counties have over 200,000 customers. This project would take 18 months to complete, and the main disruption will be Maple and Broadway. Old Boonesboro Road project was a 14-month project, similar project, because they are going to try to keep the area open as much as possible. WMU anticipates advertising in March 2022; open up bids in April 2022; and construction starting May 2022. This project would wipe out most of the SSOs. There are 20 documented SSOs and 18 were either Flanagan or Madison. Deadline for completion is December 31, 2023. WMU is looking at closing half of Broadway at a time and using the alleys and center section of the road. They would close parking spaces on the sides. There will be a public meeting and WMU will send out notifications to the business and property owners. The meeting is usually at the extension office. WMU has put in for the State Highway permit, but they wanted to wait until fall. WMU is currently down 15 people, so they are down on the OEM side. This is the last consent decree project at \$6.43 million.

Integrated has already designed the West Washington project. They talked about encompassing all of Poynterville. It goes under the fire station on Maple and under the Kerr Building. Maple Street floods because the pipe is undersized.

STORMWATER ISSUES

1. **Jett Drive** – July 28th Mike and Daron met with Andy Slone. We are hiring Palmer Engineering to take the calculations the State provides, verify them, and do a set of construction plans. We have volunteered Public Works to help with cutting the street and setting the manhole structure and the headwall down by the street. Daron will shoot some grades. The Slones are going to do the work of digging and laying pipe. They will be responsible for all materials. We may end up having to do the project if it puts them out of business. There are two lots on Bayberry and one on Jett; they may end up losing one lot. Palmer is going to attempt to line the pipe up with the property lines and we will get an easement. Mike cautioned us not to make any commitments to property owners. They know we are working on it.
2. **34/38 North Main Street** – Peggy McAllister (Dirty South Pottery) – There is a pipe from her building that was putting rain in her building during rain events. Pat and Brian said we have no pipes in that area; no infrastructure that we own. Mike has conveyed that information to Ms. McAllister.
3. **Lighthouse Church** – They were having some stormwater issues in that area. Pat and Brian are going to build up a curb to help with the runoff issue. The work Public Works is doing is in the alleyway. There is a sidewalk issue in that area at the corner of Lexington and Buckner.

MS-4 EPA INSPECTION – August 25th is the scheduled MS4 inspection. Shanda and Daron have a lot of work to do. They will be at the building that morning and then out in the field that afternoon. We will have an update at our next meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Lincoln Street Redevelopment** – Significant changes happening daily. Still about a month out of having the public facilities project complete. Fox is putting in sidewalks moving toward Hickman on the east side. Most of the sidewalks have been removed on the west side with the intent that Habitat will put the sidewalks in and connect them as the houses get built. We felt the best course of action was to descope those roads from the Allen Company, build the houses and put the sidewalks in after the houses are built. Unfortunately, 95 feet of what was poured someone rode a moped through. Based on the current rates, it will be approximately \$3,700 to repair. Next week they will start paving. In the next 7 days, there will be major differences in what Lincoln Street looks like. In the grand scheme of things, the people living on Lincoln Street have not been the problem.
- **FY2022 Concrete Program** – They have everything formed up and basically finished 1/4 of South Main. They start at Belmont working toward town. Going to the other side of the street and come back toward Shanda's house. Shanda has sent out 13 sidewalk letters and had two takers so far. A gentleman heard Daron on the radio, and he called in and wants to do his sidewalk. They are going to add in the sidewalks while they are on Main. Right in front of Frames on Main will be one of the first ones they do on Main Street. It will be close to the end of the month before they get there. Brenda Salyers called in on Tuesday. She had someone stumble and drop a frame and broke it. The ones on Main Street will be done after Pioneer Festival. We do not want equipment and nothing torn up during Pioneer Festival. Daron is scheduling a meeting with Laura Freeman and the engineers to go over what we are doing at the Broadway/Main handicap ramp. The window in the basement of that building is going to have to be eliminated.

- **Vaught Road** – Shanda needs information from Daron so she can send it to the State. They need to get with Stephanie.
- **Colby Ridge Streetlights** – Nothing has changed. Wayne Littrell has not even started.
- **222 Cook Avenue Survey** – The salt building will be going here. Integrated will do the boundary and topo survey. There are some issues, i.e., the old railroad bed is adjacent to the backside of the property. There is approximately a 100’ section of the old railroad bed attached to our property that goes over to the end of Goldie. However, the last parcel on the right on Goldie is split and there are two houses there. If we fence our property, the back house has no access to anything. Whether it is right-of-way or City property, it should be a matter of redoing the plat. We will take part of the property and make it street right of way. There was also a question about the old railroad bed, and we will have to investigate this. There are trees 8’ tall; everything is grown up. The rail lines are still there. Integrated will try to resolve this issue. Probably take two days to get the survey done and then we can get the building on order.
- **Others** – Daron and Integrated looked at Wall Alley and North Main, Barlow and Holiday, and they are checking prices for studies on all of these. The focus is from the warehouses to Barnes Drive on North Main. There is no storm sewer down there. The warehouses have a gravel lot and there are no curbs so water goes right through the buildings. They will give us options for each area for what is constructable, feasible and Daron asked them to think outside the box (especially Wall Alley) because it is basically a hole. Can we do underground detention and all other options.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- **229 Pendleton** – There is a tree in the easement that has popped the sidewalk up. They do not want to lose the tree. Dianna will do a work order for Public Works to take a look at it.
- **Vine Street** – JoEllen had someone ask for extra patrols on Vine Street for drug issues.
- **Speeding Issues** – Chief Palmer has put together an undercover plan to try to catch the guys who are street racing all over town.

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

Daron Stephens, Chair

Dianna Layne, Deputy City Clerk