

# STAFF REPORT



**SUBJECT:** FY2020-2021 Street Improvement Priorities  
**MEETING:** Public Works Committee Meeting – 18 MAY 2021  
**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works  
**STAFF CONTACT:** Nick Williams

## RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has no recommendation regarding the discussion of brick streets.

## BACKGROUND:

On Monday, March 8, 2021, a Special City Council Meeting was held to consider FY2020-2021 Street Improvement Priorities. Paving the streets around the courthouse in Thurber brick was discussed. A unanimous vote was made to place brick pavement on the 100 block of Graham Avenue on the east side of the courthouse.

A copy of the meeting minutes is attached to this report.

Also attached is a copy of Resolution 2019-R-04 designating a Brick Street District with an accompanying map. Additionally, a larger map is attached identifying locations of existing brick streets as well as those brick streets that have been previously covered.

## FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

After funding the annual Chip Seal and Micro-Surface pavement programs and the proposed improvements at Bates/Elm and Wolfe Nursery Road, approximately \$500,000 remains unencumbered / unallocated for street improvements. This amount does not include the \$300,000 previously discussed and reserved for brick paving in the 100 block of Graham Avenue on the east side of the courthouse.

The remaining funds are being held until the bids for the upcoming Harbin Drive project are received this summer.

## ATTACHMENTS:

[Special City Council Meeting 2021 03-08 – Minutes](#)

[Resolution No. 2019-R-04 – A Resolution of the City of Stephenville, Texas designating a “Brick Street District”](#)

[Brick Streets Map](#)



## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street  
Monday, March 08, 2021 at 3:00 PM

### MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on Monday, March 8, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers, for the purpose of a Special City Council Meeting, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, time, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, with the following members present, to wit:

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Doug Svien  
Mayor Pro Tem Mark McClinton  
Council Member Alan Nix  
Council Member Gerald Cook

Via Videoconference:

Council Member Justin Haschke  
Council Member Ricky Thurman  
Council Member Brandon Huckabee

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

Council Member Brady Pendleton  
Council Member Nick Robinson

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Allen Barnes, City Manager  
Randy Thomas, City Attorney  
Staci King, City Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Svien called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Consider Approval of FY2020-2021 Street Improvement Priorities**

Mayor Svien explained that he had been approached numerous times about paving the streets around the courthouse square with Thurber brick. After discussions with Allen Barnes, City Manager, and Jason King, Assistant City Manager, Mayor Svien asked them to present funding options to council for implementing the project.

Mr. Barnes explained that the contractor for the TxDOT project stated that it would cost approximately \$200,000 to brick the 100 block of South Graham Street. He stated that staff was seeking to allocate approximately \$300,000 for this project. Mr. Barnes also stated that at the time that Washington Street was reconstructed the 100 block of West Washington Street would be bricked as well, with the possibility of extending the bricks through the 300 block.

Mayor Svien asked that a Brick Street Plan be developed and appointed Gerald Cook as the chair of an ad hoc committee to do so.

MOTION by Gerald Cook, second by Mark McClinton, to move forward with the recommendation to brick Graham Street on the east side of the courthouse square. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURN**

ATTEST:

  
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Staci L. King, City Secretary



  
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Doug Svien, Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS DESIGNATING A "BRICK STREET DISTRICT"**

WHEREAS, the City of Stephenville is proud of the local history and wishes to preserve it where possible; and

WHEREAS, Stephenville has received a Downton Historic District designation from the National Register; and

WHEREAS, many downtown city streets are paved in historic Thurber Brick, which produced over 80,000 bricks per day at the height of its operation, with bricks being used in cities such as Austin and Fort Worth, and the production of which was ceased in 1931; and

WHEREAS, the city wishes to implement a plan to preserve these streets for future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Stephenville as follows:

Section 1.

The City Council of the City of Stephenville designates a "Brick Street District" that will be as follows:

Vanderbilt Street from Ollie Street to Everett Street  
Clinton Street from Jones Street to Sloan Street  
Everett Street from Vanderbilt Street to Tarleton Street  
McNeill Street from Columbia Street to Virginia Street  
College Street from Race Street to Floral Street  
Mason Street from Barton Street to Floral Street  
Green Street from Barton Street to Floral Street  
Tarleton Street from Columbia Street to Vine Street  
Barton Street from College Street to Green Street  
Columbia Street from McNeill Street to Tarleton Street  
Belknap Street from McNeill Street to Tarleton Street  
Virginia Street from McNeill Street to Tarleton Street  
Floral Street from College Street to Sloan Street

These streets will remain as brick streets.

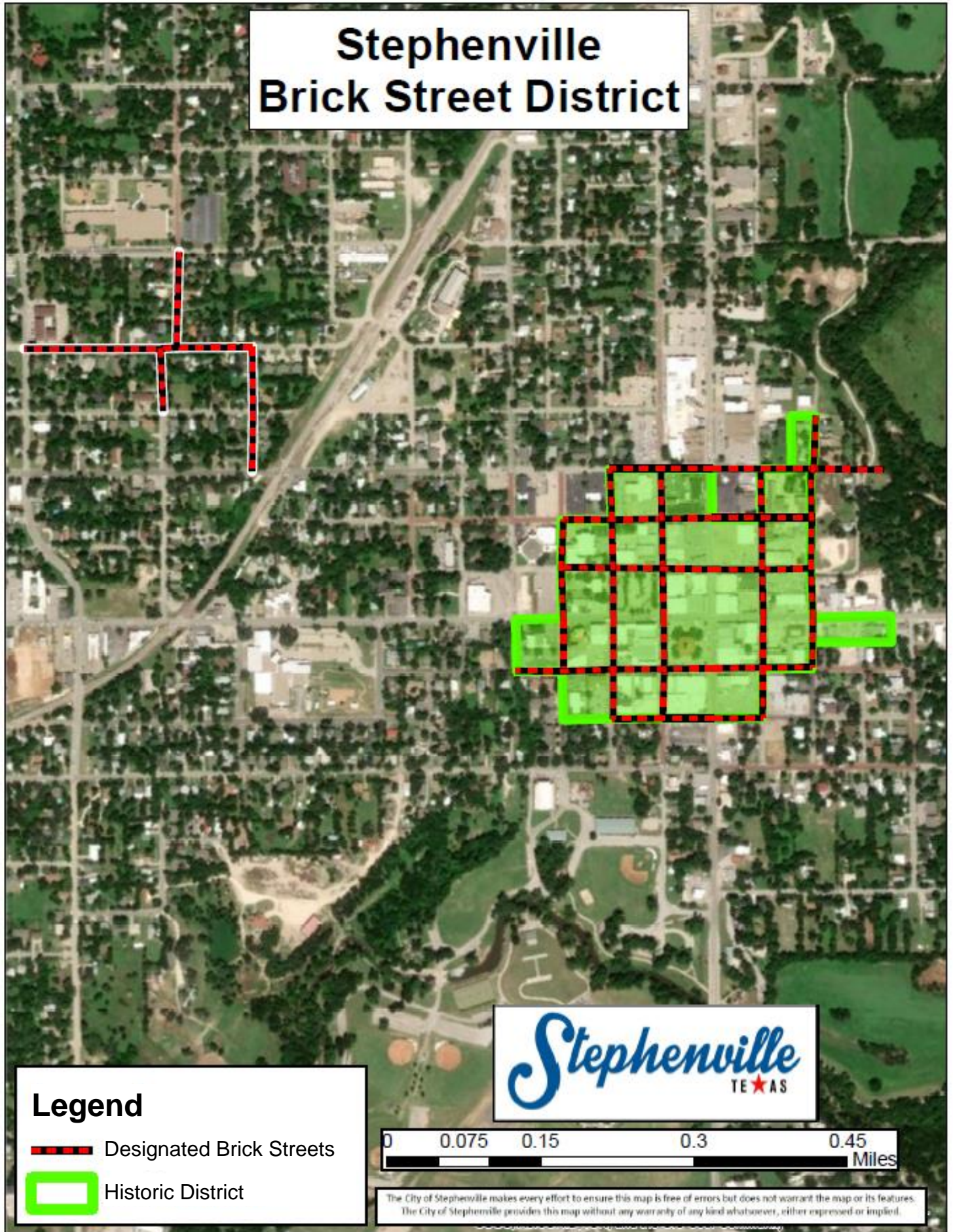
Section 2.

Any brick streets not named above will be repaired or replaced with a surface other than brick. Bricks that can be salvaged from these streets will be stored and used to preserve the above-named streets when needed.

Section 3.

This resolution shall become effective immediately after passage.

# Stephenville Brick Street District



## Legend

 Designated Brick Streets

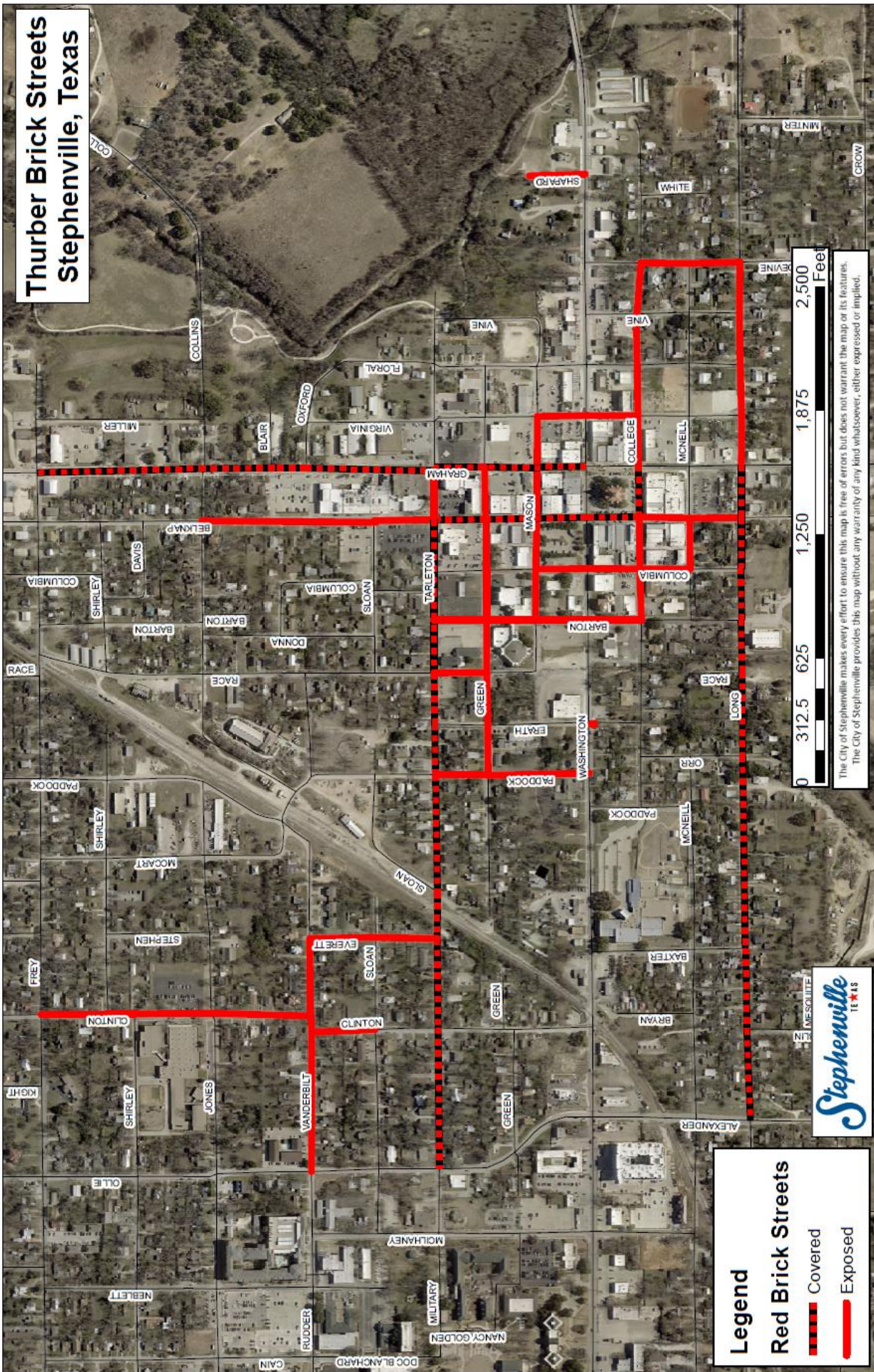
 Historic District

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# Thurber Brick Streets Stephenville, Texas



**Legend**

**Red Brick Streets**

-  Covered
-  Exposed



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