



Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

Date: 4/20/2023 **Time:** 4:31 PM **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:09 PM

ROLL CALL: Jennifer Roberson

In Attendance

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Haire Raphael Henry (Zoom) C W Jackson Jon Milstead Drew Robertson Dan Rupert
Stuart Johnson Greg Pirkle Danny Riley Ted Roach Ernie Joyner Charlotte Loden

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Terry Bullard Bill Cleveland George Jones

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Spears Jennifer Roberson Kim Hanna Don Lewis Janet Gaston John White
Charles Johnston Mary Johnston

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. The following corrections were made: Drew Robertson and Ted Roach, previously marked as not present, were both marked as present via Zoom. With those two corrections, Dan Rupert made a motion to accept the minutes. Robin Haire seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved unanimously by Committee.

Budget Report

Kim Hanna reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VII Budget Report for the month ending March 31, 2023. Beginning Cash Balance was \$7,009,713. Total Revenue from Interest Earned was \$358. Total Expenditures for January was \$170,380. Payments included \$8,643 for Personnel Cost, \$57,291 for Maintenance Cost and \$104,446 for Eason – Veterans to Briar Ridge. Ending Cash Balance for Phase VII is \$7,886,845.

Current Projects

Brent Spears reviewed updates on the current projects

- Maintenance Work
 - Mill & overlay Bids open this Friday, April 14th.
- Eason Blvd (Veterans to Briar Ridge)
 - Finish Eason & Briar Ridge Intersection, remaining driveways, set mast arms, paving work and striping
 - Start concrete work on April 11th
 - Timeframe for completion is the end of June
 - John is meeting with Dennis Tuesday morning, April 11th, to look at an underground fiberoptic cable
 - Plan on finishing the driveway by the end of this week
 - No issues with traffic
- Update on Main Street Safety Improvements Project
 - Bid was rejected at last Tuesday's Council meeting (April 4th)
 - Low bid of \$1,158,910, Engineer's Estimate was \$635,163.
 - Plan to rescope the project and determine next steps.
 - Talk of doing some in-house work with Public Works
 - Sidewalk bid was 4 times the normal sidewalk bid
- Veterans (Main to Hamm)
 - Work to begin next Monday, April 17th
 - Construction signs being put up today, April 10th
 - This project will probably finish early with no issues
- Thomas St to Lumpkin Ave
 - Met with ICM about contacting owners for donation of R.O.W. and easements.
 - Per Robbie Sandlin, he plans to have meetings with property owners this week.
 - Don Lewis said Robbie has not had a chance to meet with anyone but will probably know where they are at next week.
 - No additional documents recorded as of last Wednesday
 - Pirkle said the committee will give this project another month
 - Next month the committee will know if they can do this project or if they will need to move on to another section of Jackson St.
 - This will give them a chance to meet with the land owners
- MDOT Projects
 - Work continuing on the McCullough Blvd Job (Mt. Vernon to I-22)

Open Discussion

Charles Johnston and Mary Johnston attended the Major Thoroughfare Meeting to discuss the possibility of a third lane being added near their home on Jackson St. Greg Pirkle opened the discussion and the Johnstons, and others in attendance, discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the third lane.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Recorded by Jennifer Roberson

Submitted by Dennis Bonds