



Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

Date: 3/13/2023 **Time:** 4:30 PM **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Brent Spears

In Attendance

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terry Bullard Robin Haire Jon Milstead Greg Pirkle Danny Riley
Ernie Joyner Bill Cleveland CW Jackson Dan Rupert

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Drew Robertson George Jones Charlotte Loden Drew Robertson Stuart Johnson
Ted Roach

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dennis Bonds Brent Spears Kim Hanna Don Lewis Janet Gaston
John White Tyler Hathcock

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. Ernie Joyner made a motion to accept the minutes. CW Jackson 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 February 28, 2023. Beginning Cash Balance was \$4,225,335. Total Revenue from Interest Earned was \$248. Total Expenditures for February was \$78,801. Payments included \$8,657 for Personnel Cost, \$70,144 for Eason – Veterans to Briar Ridge. Ending Cash Balance for Phase VII is \$7,009,713.

Current Projects

Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects

- Maintenance Work
- Eason Blvd (Veterans to Briar Ridge)
 - Contractor continues working on driveways and intersection of Eason and Briar Ridge.
- Thomas St to Lumpkin Ave
 - Met with owners on March 2nd at the Bel-Air Center.
- Update on Main Street Safety Improvements Project
 - Bids on Friday. Money will come out of Maintenance Fund.
- Veterans (Main to Hamm)
 - Bid opened on February 28 low bidder was Hodges Construction at \$1,814,124.47. This was BELOW the Engineer's Estimate of \$2,220,217.20. City Council awarded this at the 3/7 Meeting.
- MDOT Projects
 - Work has begun on their McCullough Blvd job (Mt. Vernon to I-22)

Open Discussion

Discussion of Thomas St to Lumpkin Ave

Greg Pirkle asked if the ROW could be flagged to show owners what they would be signing.

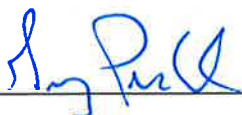
He also asked John White to look again if the road could be narrowed. John White thinks it is as narrow as we can go.

Don Lewis asked about ICM Construction regarding the Acquisition of Easements Proposal. He asked if they wanted to use them.

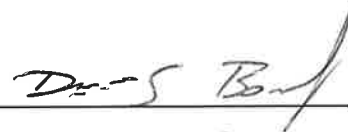
Greg Pirkle said as long as they were trying to get property donated and wouldn't be able to negotiate price.

Robin Haire said thinks we should give them to next meeting to decide if not move on and spend money elsewhere.

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



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Recorded by Brent Spears

Submitted by Dennis Bonds