



Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

Date: 11/13/2023 **Time:** 4:30 PM **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Brent Spears

In Attendance

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Pirkle Danny Riley Jon Milstead(ZOOM) Ernie Joyner Charlotte Loden
Dan Rupert Terry Bullard George Jones Raphael Henry(ZOOM)

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ted Roach Bill Cleveland C W Jackson Stuart Johnson Robin Haire Drew
Drew Robertson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Spears Kim Hanna Dennis Bonds Scott Costello Billy Humphries
Brit Harris Ken Harris Johnny Timmons Charlie Langford Jinna Parsons

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting Terry Bullard made a motion to accept the minutes. Dan Rupert 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 September 30, 2023. Beginning Cash Balance was \$4,398,590. Total Revenue from Interest Earned was \$324. Total Expenditures for October was \$129,400. Payments included \$8,662 for Personnel Cost \$36,738 for Maintenance Cost, \$84,000 for West Jackson (Thomas to Joyner). The ending cash balance was \$4,269,514.

Current Projects

Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects

- Maintenance Work –Work completed for 2023. Beginning to plan for 2024 Road Work List.
- Update on Main Street Safety Improvements Project – Ahead of schedule. Work is approximately 75% completed.
- Jackson Street (Madison to Front) Legal Advertisement has run, bids open on 11/30. Will report back with results as soon as A&H has those tabulated and ready to review. A bidder's pre-bid conference will be held Thursday, 11/16 at A&H's Office at 119 Robins Street.
- Eason Blvd (Veterans to Briar Ridge) – Traffic Signal final set and small finish up items remain to close out job.
- Veterans (Main to Hamm) – Road Sign installation pending. Job will be punch listed and closed out.
- Main Street Bridge – First legal advertisement will run in tomorrow's classifieds. See the attached timeline. Potential for West Main Street Improvements west of bridge.

Open Discussion

1. Several members of the neighborhood came to discuss and ask questions about the Jackson Street (Madison to Front) project. (Jinna Parsons, Billy Humphries, Brit Harris, Tony Ford, & Ken Harris)
2. Jinna Parsons stated that the committee had turned their neighborhood street into a Thoroughfare and the least they could do was follow thru with their commitment
3. George Jones asked if they still planned on removing the traffic light at Church St and Jackson St intersection.
4. Greg Pirkle responded that had been discussed and what we would prefer.
5. There were other questions and discussion about signage, sidewalks, right-of-way, and tree removal etc...
6. There was discussion of the access road from Gloster to West Barnes Crossing extended.
7. Dennis Bonds informed the committee that there would be permitting issues such as floodplain.
8. Charlotte Loden made a motion to move along with the design of the access road.
9. Danny Riley seconded the motion and all were in favor of the motion.
10. John Timmons stated that the traffic lights on Gloster from Best Buy to Barnes Crossing were controlled from somewhere in Jackson. He had talked with MDOT about them turning the control of those over to TW&L but was getting resistance.

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

Chairman Greg Pirkle

Recorded by Brent Spears

Submitted by Dennis Bonds