



# Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

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**Date:** 10/09/2023    **Time:** 4:30 PM    **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle    **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:30 PM

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**ROLL CALL:** Brent Spears

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## In Attendance

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### MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Milstead(ZOOM)    Drew Robertson(ZOOM)    Greg Pirkle    Danny Riley    Ernie Joyner  
Charlotte Loden    Dan Rupert    Terry Bullard (ZOOM)    Raphael Henry(ZOOM)  
Robin Haire

### MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ted Roach    Bill Cleveland    C W Jackson    George Jones    Stuart Johnson

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Spears    Kim Hanna    Dennis Bonds    Michael Moore    Bobby Davidson  
Scot Burluson    John White    Johnny Timmons    Al Jones    Norman Cruise

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## Approval of Minutes

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Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting Ernie Joyner made a motion to accept the minutes. Danny Riley seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved unanimously by Committee.

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## Budget Report

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Kim Hanna reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VII Budget Report for the month ending September 30, 2023. Beginning Cash Balance was \$5,317,476. Total Revenue from Interest Earned was \$17,301. Total Expenditures for August was \$1,374,406. Payments included \$8,650 for Personnel Cost, \$118,638 for Maintenance Cost, \$835,349 for Veterans (Reese to Hamm St.), \$411,770 for Easton (Veterans to Briar Ridge) . Ending Cash Balance for Phase VII is \$4,152,924.

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## Current Projects

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Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects


- Maintenance Work – M&O Work completed for 2023
- Work scheduled to begin today, October 9th. Work will be done in a way to minimize open areas along Main Street. Schedule is planned for 40 Working Days to complete.
- Jackson Street (Madison to Front) Held final Underground Meeting with Utility Co's on 9/25. Allen & Hoshall is in process of completing Underground Utility Plans. ESI finished with Road Plans. Ready to go to bid?
- Eason Blvd (Veterans to Briar Ridge) – 4 Travel lanes have to been resurfaced by Cook & Son. Job now rides phenomenally well. Final Striping, finish up items remain to close out job.
- Veterans (Main to Hamm) – Mainline asphalt surface has been finished. Job rides great, no issues. Thermoplastic striping started today. Job will be punch listed and closed out.
- Main Street Bridge – Has been closed. New design is being worked on. Meet with Engineers on 10/24 about design progress. Potential for West Main Street Improvements west of bridge.

## Open Discussion

1. Dennis Bonds gave the update on the Eason Boulevard project. He said that the contractor had resolved the ride quality issues.
2. Greg Pirkle asked if this was a permanent fix or if rough spots would show back up.
3. John White said that the contractor milled everything up and repave the entire road
4. Dennis Bonds updated the Veterans Project and said that all asphalt was finished and that the striping was finished. He said that they would have to come back and paint the turn arrows.
5. Dennis Bonds began the conversation of the Main Street Bridge. Greg Pirkle asked if we were going to do any work on the East side of bridge or wait till after the bridge was completed.
6. Dennis said that there was about 300' – 400' that would be incidental to the widening of the bridge so it would be done at the same time to tie into the bridge.
7. Robin Haire asked Dennis if there was a possibility of a temporary bridge.
8. Dennis said that the plan was to go back in the same footprint. There may be some environmental issues with it being a large creek and it would also add to the cost of the project. Johnny Timmons said there was a sewer main on the north side so it would rule that side out.
9. There was discussion of work on the west side of bridge back to Bissel Road. John White shared drawings with the committee.
10. Johnny Timmons said they also had several request for a traffic light at Locust Lane.
11. Bobby Davidson with Allen and Hoshall spoke on the Jackson Street (Madison to Front) project. He said their estimate was 5.7 million for the underground utilities. He said there was no guarantee that the bids would be that but it was their best estimate. He said they had spaced the lights out more to cut cost. Johnny Timmons said he eliminated a mast arm traffic light (about \$180,000) at Jackson and Church Street intersection if Traffic Committee would approve it.

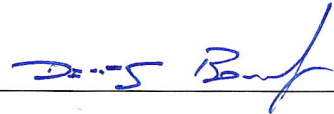
12. Dan Rupert made a motion to go to bid with the underground utilities on the Jackson Street (Madison to Front) project.
13. Robin Haire seconded the motion. All were in favor or the motion.

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



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**Chairman Greg Pirkle**



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**Recorded by Brent Spears  
Submitted by Dennis Bonds**