



Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

Date: 12/11/2023 **Time:** 4:30 PM **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:14 PM

ROLL CALL: Dennis Bonds

In Attendance

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terry Bullard Robin Haire Raphael Henry (Zoom) George Jones (Zoom) Jon Milstead
Stuart Johnson Greg Pirkle Bill Cleveland Ted Roach Ernie Joyner Charlotte Loden
Dan Rupert

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Danny Riley CW Jackson Drew Robertson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dennis Bonds Jennifer Roberson Don Lewis Caleb McCluskey Janet Gaston
Johnny Timmons John White

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. The following correction(s) were made: Under Open Discussion, Item 8, Charlotte Loden mad a motion was corrected to Charlotte Loden made a motion. With that correction made, Dan Rupert made a motion to accept the minutes. Charlotte Loden seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously by Committee.

Budget Report

Dennis Bonds reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VII Budget Report for the month ending November 30, 2023. Beginning Cash Balance was \$4,269,514. Total Revenue from Interest Earned was \$57,597. Total Expenditures for January was \$128,434. Payments included \$8,660 for Personnel Cost, \$50,176 for Maintenance Cost, and \$69,597 for Eason – Veterans to Briar Ridge. Ending Cash Balance for Phase VII is \$4,198,677.

Current Projects

Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects

- Maintenance Work
 - Work completed for 2023
 - Beginning stages in planning for the 2024 Road Work List.
- Eason Blvd (Veterans to Briar Ridge)
 - Walked job on Thursday, December 7th. There are a few items the contractor will take care of before the end of the year.
 - Job closed by the end of the year.
- Update on Main Street Safety Improvements Project
 - Work is completed.
 - CSI drew the plans. Hodges Construction did the work. Slayton's Concrete did the concrete work. Public Works did the landscape.
- Veterans (Main to Hamm)
 - Job ready to walk, plan to punch list and close out by the end of the year.
- Main St Bridge
 - Bids open December 14th.
 - Assuming all checks out, will recommend award to City Council at the 12/19 Council Meeting.
 - Boots on the ground February 1.
 - Typical time frame is 9 months. Trying for 5 months to complete.
 - Complete hopefully by July 4th.
- Jackson Street (Madison to Front)
 - Only one bidder, bid was for \$5,744,000. It was within Engineer's estimate. Unable to accept bid since bidder does not currently have a Certificate of Responsibility in MS.
 - Bidder has applied for the Certificate of Responsibility.
 - Certificate of Responsibility is applied for through the State Licensing Board.
 - Bids will open again on January 18th, 2024.

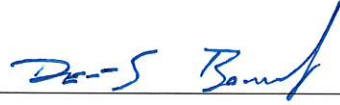
Open Discussion

Greg Pirkle asked where we were at on the access road up near Best Buy.

John White said they had begun work on this and were figuring out where the flood plain was. He also stated there was a block there someone was looking to develop so was working to figure out the alignment of the road.



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Recorded by Jennifer Roberson
Submitted by Dennis Bonds