



## Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes January 11, 2021

Members present: Bill Cleveland, Stuart Johnson, Ernie Joyner, Charlotte Loden, Jon Milstead, Greg Pirkle, Danny Riley, Ted Roach, and Wesley Webb

Members not present: Scott Davis, Chris Hussey, C W Jackson, Aletha Mims, Jamie Osbirn, Drew Robertson and Brent Waldrop

Others present: Dennis Bonds, Don Lewis, Renee Newton, Lucia Randle, Johnny Timmons, John White, and Chuck Williams

Chairman Pirkle called meeting to order. Mr. Pirkle announce the resignation of Ian Morrison from the Committee. This leaves two vacancies on the Committee.

Renee Newton took roll.

Chairman Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020, Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. Stuart Johnson made motion to accept minutes. Danny Riley seconded the motion. Motion to accept minutes approved unanimously by Committee.

Dennis Bonds reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VI Budget Report for the month ending December 31, 2020. Beginning cash balance was \$5,147,102. Revenue from Property Tax and Interest Earned was \$56,261. Total Expenditures were \$210,536. Payments included \$12,206 for Personnel Costs and \$198,330 to Jackson St-Clayton to Madison Project. Ending cash balance was \$4,992,827.

Question asked as to how much has been paid out for the Jackson St from Clayton to Madison project to date. The amount of receipts for that project totals \$5,954,217, per page three of the financial report. Budgeted amount is \$9,904,785. Question asked as to why the personnel cost was higher for December. December had three pay periods, rather than the usual two pay periods per month.

Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects.

### JACKSON STREET (CLAYTON TO MADISON)

Contractor has completed installation of drainage items along both sides of roadway between Magnolia Street and Park Street. Contractor is currently working on construction of roadway base, curb and gutter and driveways along this section of roadway. Contractor is beginning work on section from Clayton to Magnolia. Project is approximately 9% complete with approximately 29% of time used. Mr. Bonds presented drone footage of the project area on W Jackson St showing the current conditions in which the contractor is working. It is very tedious work at this time, but should speed up after they are through the tight spaces. Mr. Bonds also brought to the

attention of the Committee the necessary removal of five pine trees at the corner of W Jackson St and Magnolia St. The owner is agreeable to the removal of the trees. Removal would preferably be done by the City. A quote was requested from a tree service to get an idea of how much removal would cost if the City is not able to remove the trees. The quote received was for \$12,000. If the City is unable to perform the work, the removal will be bid out.

**W JACKSON ST (AIR PARK TO COLEY)**

Contractor has begun staking and layout work and installation of erosion control items. Anticipated completion of project is December 2021.

**EASON BLVD (S VETERANS TO BRIAR RIDGE)**

Plans are complete. Three properties remain to obtain right-of-way for the project.

**INACTIVE PROJECTS (PHASE VI)**

N Gloster St - Barnes Crossing to Natchez Trace

**MDOT PROJECTS**

No new activity

**ELECTION**

Major Thoroughfare Program Phase VII vote will be held February 2, 2021.

Chairman Pirkle asked Lucia Randle to give an update on advertising efforts. Ms. Randle stated that the MTP Phase VII Election information is now on the City of Tupelo website. A front page banner in the Daily Journal is planned for January 31. The Committee should plan to begin a social media push ten days before election date. Graphics and content need to be determined and created as soon as possible. Committee discussed previous and potential donation sources to cover advertising expenses. Committee also discussed media and other advertisement opportunities available in the short time period between now and the election.

Mr. Pirkle asked Renee Newton to provide all Committee members with Ms. Randle's email address in order to coordinate marketing activities.

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



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Submitted by Renee Newton