



Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

Date: 7/10/2023 **Time:** 4:30 PM **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:20 PM

ROLL CALL: Brent Spears

In Attendance

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Haire Jon Milstead Drew Robertson Bill Cleveland Stuart Johnson Greg Pirkle
Danny Riley Ernie Joyner Charlotte Loden C W Jackson Ted Roach Dan Rupert

Raphael Henry (Zoom)

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

George Jones Terry Bullard

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Spears Haley Dean Kim Hanna Don Lewis Janet Gaston John White
Dennis Bonds Tyler Hathcock Scott Costello Buddy Palmer Johnny Timmons

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. C W Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes. Danny Riley 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 June 30, 2023. Beginning Cash Balance was \$7,563,957. Total Revenue from Interest Earned was \$21,153. Total Expenditures for May was \$703,521. Payments included \$12,675 for Personnel Cost, \$4,026 for Maintenance Cost and \$569,936 for Veterans – Reese to Hamm St. Ending Cash Balance for Phase VII is \$6,972,001.

Current Projects

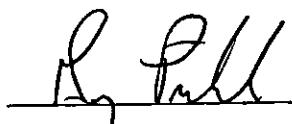
Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects

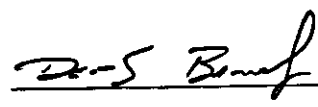
- Maintenance Work – Mill & overlay update
 - Update on Main Street Safety Improvements Project Will handle in house, start working soon on bulb outs along Main Street
 - Eason Blvd (Veterans to Briar Ridge) – currently working on finish milling and paving. If weather cooperates, will finish paving this week. Rest of work will be behind curb to finish job.
 - Veterans (Main to Hamm) – All the lane widening has been completed to the top of base pavement. Aquatic Center has major event on 7/24-7/29. Contractor will resume after that to finish job.
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Open Discussion

1. Buddy Palmer spoke as an advocate of the Veterans project expressing his thoughts of the importance of the Veterans (N. Hamm to I-22) project.
2. Greg Pirkle opened a discussion with the next project the committee recommended to the council was Jackson Street (Madison to Front). He asked about what to about the underground utilities?
3. Johnny Timmons said the estimate was about \$5.9 million.
4. Greg Pirkle asked if there was a way to competitively get for less than 5.9 million?
5. After discussion from the committee Dan Rupert made a motion to move forward with the bids to get an alternate on the paving and underground utilities.
6. Bill Cleveland seconded the motion. All were in favor for the vote.
7. Committee members discussed the Veterans (N. Hamm to I-22) project.
8. Dan Rupert made a motion to have the engineering done.
9. Danny Riley seconded the motion. All members were in favor for the vote.

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


Chairman Greg Pirkle


Recorded by Brent Spears
Submitted by Stephen Reed