

Public Works Committee Meeting
May 2, 2023
Council Chambers
Minutes

Members Present:

Mrs. Ellen Richardson, Chairperson
Mr. Chris Bott, Vice Mayor

Absent:

Mr. Arthur Leonard, Mayor

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael T. Tolbert, Town Manager
Mr. Wes Parks, Public Works Director

Others Present:

Mr. Jay Savage, Councilman

Call to Order

Chairperson Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Participation

There was none.

Agenda Adoption

Vice Mayor Bott motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson to adopt the agenda as presented. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Review of Cropper Street Progress and Budget

Public Works Director Parks stated that all the internal operations are complete. The Town will remove the sidewalks and the concrete contractor will be onsite to pour May 9th and 10th. Once the new sidewalks are completed, milling and paving will be done. He explained that they found why the old storm drain was not working. They corrected the errors, and he expects a marked improvement.

There was discussion about the route of the drainage, and details of sidewalk replacement.

Town Manager Tolbert stated he feels this job has gone much smoother than Mumford Street.

Review 5-Year Sanitation Contract

Town Manager Tolbert stated that the last sanitation contract was bid in 2018. It is time for another bid which will be May 19th.

Public Works Director Parks reported on the contractors he called and sent packets for competition.

Town Manager Tolbert stated that the scope was written around the Town's trash ordinance. He reviewed the allowable weekly collection amounts. He explained that that every time someone

sells a house, the new owner calls the office for a trash can because the previous owner took the can. The specifications are clear that if they can provide a list of the homes the cans were delivered to then they don't have to provide them with another can. He added that they won't be responsible for replacement if the can is in disrepair. He also stated that complaints are to come to the Town office as opposed to Davis Disposal.

Councilwoman Richardson commented on people putting trash out too early and leaving the cans out. She added that there is an ordinance about this.

Town Manager Tolbert advised the Ordinance states you can put your trash out at the curb no sooner than 7:00 p.m. the night before and no later than 7:00 a.m. the morning of collection.

There was further discussion.

Town Manager Tolbert read: "The contractor shall provide, at no additional cost, 1 roll-out container for each residence. The container shall be the capacity of 96 gallons, or 65 gallons as selected by the property owner. The property owner will be responsible for replacing carts that have been lost or damaged unless caused by the contractor." He added that the maximum volume of residential containers is 130 gallons.

Discussion continued about customer charges for collection and contractual fees. They also discussed the feasibility of collecting trash in-house.

Review Status of Memorial Park Boat Ramp Project

Public Works Director Parks advised they drove the last and final sheets today and the diver is coming in tomorrow to cut the ends off. All of the excavation has been done at the end of the ramp and the only thing left is to drive the end pole for the floating dock.

They discussed the parking lot extension and pavement schedule.

Councilwoman Richardson asked if the ramp would be done by Memorial Day.

Public Works Director Parks advised it should be done by this weekend or at the latest on Monday or Tuesday.

Councilwoman Richardson asked about the depth markers.

Town Manager Tolbert stated they can put one up on either side.

There was further discussion.

Consider Request for New Street Lamp

Town Manager Tolbert advised the request is for Mire Pond. He showed where the lights are near Mire Pond and advised of the policy. He added that the customer has to pay ANEC for installation, but the Town pays the monthly charge on public roads, which is most of the fees the

Town pays. He also advised that the policy states that the Public Works Committee will act on behalf of the Council on this matter. He advised there are 380 feet between lights.

There was discussion.

Councilwoman Richardson stated she has a security light and pays for it on her electric bill.

The Committee Members commented further and decided not to act.

Committee Member Comments

There were none.

Adjournment

Vice Mayor Bott motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson to adjourn. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.