

Public Works Committee Meeting
November 5, 2024
Council Chambers
Minutes
6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Absent:

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

Mayor Leonard motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Bott, to adopt the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.

Review of Fall Paving Projects

Public Works Director Parks advised they worked on patching Ridge Road, Merritt Drive, Pine Tree Way, Deep Hole Road, and the Municipal parking lot where they eliminated a light pole. He stated they have a little more paving where they did a repair on Poplar Street, and they need to repair Herbie's Lane where a storm drain in the road is settling.

Town Manager Tolbert advised that Mr. Jester complained about the road settling over the 2) 16" culvert pipes that drain everything north of that road to Memorial Park and to Mr. McDowell's home. He advised the Town could correct the drainage but couldn't repave the road. Mr. Jester was aware of that. He feels it would be more feasible to overlay that. He stated that while they have the pavers here, they could overlaid it 2" and it would last a while.

There was brief discussion.

Mayor Leonard motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Bott to move forward with the paving projects. Unanimously approved.

Review of Winter/Spring Projects

Public Works Director Parks advised they also had striping done. He added that they plan to do Taylor Street this winter, and the materials need to be ordered which could take 23-24 weeks to receive. He feels they need to start selecting them in July for the spring projects. He advised that they plan to complete the Memorial Park pier by the spring.

There was brief discussion about the spring projects and the Amrien Gym floor replacement project and costs.

Consider Street Sweeper Proposal

Public Works Director Parks reviewed the quote for a Regen X Regenerative Air Sweeper. He advised that he reached out to VDOT and received information. He stated that this is solely what is used statewide, and they had very good luck with these. They watched a demo and was very impressed. The cost is what the Town will receive for the replacement value of the other street sweeper. Included in the price is a 2-year extended warranty. He added that the sweeper they demoed is available. He advised that if they don't purchase the demo, they will be 6 months before they will get one.

Town Manager Tolbert advised that if this is approved tonight, they can send a letter of intent of purchase, which does not bind the Town. It tells them the Town has the intent to purchase it if Council approves it. He added that when he attended the VML conference he spoke with a representative from VRSA who advised they will hand deliver the check.

There were brief comments about the cost and the differences between street sweepers.

Mayor Leonard asked about the cost of the additional options.

Public Works Director Parks advised that the additional options are included in the price.

Mayor Leonard motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Bott to enter into an agreement to purchase the proposed street sweeper as presented. Unanimously approved.

Town Manager Tolbert advised they will prepare a letter of intent tomorrow and bring this matter to Council at the workshop meeting. He will verify with VRSA when they will bring the check from the other street sweeper.

There was discussion regarding delivery.

Committee Member Comments

Councilwoman Richardson asked if the Town could paint in the bike lane to stop and look.

Vice Mayor Bott feels they should look into this over the winter as well as magnifying the crosswalks downtown.

Town Manager Tolbert feels the crosswalks need to be repainted.

Public Works Director Parks suggested putting in the glass beads to give it reflection.

Town Manager Tolbert feels if they touch them up it will set them off. He also asked Mr. Thornton to trim the crape myrtles up higher to give more visibility.

There was discussion regarding site triangle problems at Bunting and Willow, and overgrown trees in the road on north Main Street near Misty Meadows. They feel the Post Office sign with an overgrown bush is also a problem.

Town Manager Tolbert advised that Chief Greenley has had the officers make a list of the streetlights that are out.

Adjournment

Mayor Leonard motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Bott to adjourn. Unanimously approved.