

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 16, 2019

In Attendance:

Members Present: Commissioners: Committee Chairman, Larry Chapman, Jonathan Greer, Bill Warren and Mayor Janet Winkler

Others Present: Town Manager, Rebecca Bentley, Chief of Police, Richard Blevins, Public Works Director, Norman Crump, Recreation Director, Chuck Raby and Town Clerk, Tammy Swanson

Call to Order:

Chairman Larry Chapman called the meeting to order.

Street Maintenance Review:

Rebecca discussed street maintenance, and she reviewed how we conduct our reviews of the streets. She explained that every year or so, four members of the Public Works Department and four members of the Police Department evaluate the Town streets based upon an objective scale. The scale gives options to rate the streets based on the surface condition of the streets.

The following list shows the rankings of the streets based on the staff's review of the streets.

TOP 10 STREETS IN NEED OF REPAVING PER APRIL 2019 EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

STREET N	Paved	FOOTAGE MILEAGE	Form 1	Form 2	Form 3	Form 4	Form 5	Form 6	Form 7	Form 8	TM	Avg Rank
Eastview Street		2695	0.51	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4.13
Hickory Street		1300	0.25	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	4.13
Davie Street—PRIMA		200	0.04	5	5		3	3	3	4	5	4.00
Elm Avenue		2220	0.42	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4.00
Sheldon Street		1680	0.32	4	3	3	3	5	5	4	5	4.00
Hilltop Street		2650	0.5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3.88
Internation 08 RR X		1140	0.22	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	3.88
Thompson Drive		2075	0.39	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	5	3.88
Woodland Street		1365	0.26	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	3.88
Dogwood Street		1000	0.19	5	3	5	3	4	4	3		3.86
Spring Street		1080	0.2	4	3		3	5	5	4	3	3.86
Central Street		5505	1.04	5	2	4	4	4	3	4	4	3.75
Circle Drive		2625	0.5	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	3.75
Cloverdale Street		350	0.07	4	4	5	4	3	3	4	3	3.75
Floral Avenue		580	0.11	5	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	3.63
Greenbrooke		1650	0.31	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3.63
Hickman Avenue		2050	0.39	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	3.63
LeClare Street		475	0.09	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	3.63

Rebecca stated that the first 10 streets listed are in the worst condition. She stated that Norman will go out for bids for paving the streets, and unless there is a street that someone has received complaints about, we will probably go by the list. Rebecca briefly discussed some areas that need attention she is familiar with.

According to the list, Eastview Street, Hickory Street and Elm Avenue seem to be in the worst condition according to Norman and our list.

Norman stated that these 3 streets may take most of the money allotted for streets this year.

Rebecca asked that the other streets that have bad places also be addressed.

Larry stated that the street at 166 Dell Circle needs repairing, but it should only require a patch.

Rebecca asked that pot holes be reported by our staff when they are seen.

Motion: (Bill Warren/Larry Chapman) to approve the method for rating the streets, and to proceed with repaving the streets in our normal manner. Unanimously approved.

Discuss Paving Right-of-Way at Dogwood Street Extension:

Chief Blevins stated that on April 8, Mr. Timothy Killian, a resident at 518 Dogwood Street, reported that he had had an altercation with his neighbor, Billy Berry. Mr. Berry has purchased bushes and was planning to plant them on Mr. Killian's property. Mr. Killian stopped Mr. Berry, which started the altercation. Mr. Killian stated that he had spoken with Norman about parking a trailer on the right-of-way temporarily, and Mr. Berry threatened him if he parked the trailer on right-of-way again. Chief Blevins described the bushes that were sitting on the right-of-way that Mr. Berry was planning to plant. Mr. Berry has since that time moved the bushes over to the waterfall feature in his front yard, and he moved a utility trailer onto the right-of-way.

Rebecca stated that Mr. Berry came to see Teresa Kinney about the right-of-way, and Teresa told him this was not something she permitted, and he would need to talk with Norman. Mr. Berry has been pleading his case with Norman, but Norman told him that he could not plant the bushes in the right-of-way.

Chuck Raby has made a suggestion that the right-of-way be paved for an ingress and egress point for the walking trail, with a gate closing off the street at the path. Mr. Berry has indicated that he has problems with motorcycles, etc. entering the path so this could be a solution to his problem and to ours. Chuck mentioned that there is not an ingress/egress point for emergency vehicles to get on the trail, so this would give an option to go in either direction on the trail. Also, there are sometimes trees down on the trail, and having a section paved to drive up to and even on the trail would be very helpful. Chuck stated that someone on staff would have a key to gate.

Chief Blevins mentioned that Mr. Berry currently has his gutters emptying onto the right-of-way.

Norman showed the group pictures of the bushes that are currently sitting in front of the waterfall feature. Norman stated that the plants have not yet been planted.

Bill asked that Chief Blevins have Mr. Berry remove his trailer from the right-of-way, and make sure all of the plants are removed from Mr. Killian's property. Bill commented that he believes we should proceed with Chuck's suggestion.

Jonathan stated that he also agrees with Chuck's recommendation.

Chief Blevins stated that he would like for us to act as quickly as possible with the paving of the right-of-way. He also mentioned that since he has the drainage lines emptying onto the right-of-way, we may want

to write him a letter addressing the drainage issues. Janet suggested that the letter come from Town Attorney, Carroll Tuttle.

Rebecca suggested that whoever does the paving may be able to work around the drainage areas Mr. Berry has made.

Larry stated that Mr. Berry has been told that he is up against the right-of-way with the area he already has paved, so he is aware his space is limited.

Motion: (Bill Warren/Jonathan Greer) to ask Mr. Berry to remove his trailer from the right-of-way, ask that all plantings be removed from the right-of-way, proceed with Chuck's recommendation to pave the right-of-way for an ingress/egress point for the walking trail, and due to the drainage issues, ask an engineering firm to come in and construct the paved right-of-way, with Carroll Tuttle notifying the adjoining property owners of the Town's plans for the right-of-way. Unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

Motion: (Bill Warren/Jonathan Greer) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk