

**MINUTES
STREET COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

THE STREET COMMITTEE MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12 NORTH ROWE STREET, PRYOR, OKLAHOMA AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE AND TIME.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: ** STEVE SMITH, RANDY CHITWOOD, JON KETCHER, YOLANDA THOMPSON (ALTERNATE)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Steve Smith. Members present: Steve Smith and Randy Chitwood. Members absent: Jon Ketcher.

Others present: Street Superintendent Buddy Glenn, City Engineer Steve Powell, City Councilor Jimmy Tramel, Duane Fought, Terry Aylward.

2. SEALED BID OPENING FOR MOWING OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

Smith opened the only bid received, which was from Duane Fought in the amount of \$28,000.00.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF BID FOR MOWING OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

Motion was made by Chitwood, second by Smith to recommend Council action to award bid for mowing rights-of-way to Duane Fought as the only bid received, in the amount of \$28,000.00. All voted yes.

4. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30TH, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING.

Motion was made by Chitwood, second by Smith to approve the minutes of the April 30th, 2020 special meeting. All voted yes.

5. STREET SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – BUDDY GLENN:

Glenn reported that they have been working on a project on Wilkerson Drive. They have also been working at 13th and Karen. Summer help is working out well. They have kept busy mowing and spraying between rains. Bridgework is going out for bid. The “Bridge Out” signs have arrived. Phase 1 of the Street project has been completed, and when the contractors return they will stay on the job until everything is completed. The Street Department will be doing some sidewalk repair during the upcoming good weather days.

6. UPDATE ON THE OVERLAY PROJECT AS IT PERTAINS TO CONTRACT DAYS, RAIN DAYS, COVID-19 DAYS.

No action. Glenn stated that COVID-19 delayed them approximately three weeks, and with added rain delays, they are probably six or seven weeks behind. There were ten days – to – two weeks that they could have worked that they did not. Powell stated that he has been more interested in their quality of work than days worked.

7. UPDATE ON THE PARK BRANCH CREEK GRANT PROJECT.

No action. Smith reported that the 9th Street project is good to go through FEMA; however, the Dog Pound Road portion will have to be resubmitted as an upgrade instead of repair, due to the things that need to be done there.

Powell spoke regarding the schedules of the 9th Street project and Dog Pound Road. There were three schedules included in the bid packets, one of which included two options. Schedule 1/Option 1 would cost \$384,000.00, \$122,150.00 of which would be returned through FEMA after completion of project. If the City went with Option 2, we would have to come up with approximately \$600,000.00. If the City did minimal amount of work on these two areas, we would still have to come up with \$200,000.00; however, we would still have the same problem. The current pipes are not big enough for the flow. Before we can expect any help from the railroad, we have to take care of our portion.

Meshek & Associates has yet to submit their final report.

8. CONSIDER VOTE OF THE PEOPLE WORKING WITH MAYOR TO INCREASE FUNDING TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT BY MODIFICATION OF THE SALES TAX FROM .65% TO BE USED FOR STREETS AND DRAINAGE.

No action. Councilor Tramel reported that the Street Sales Tax fund has not changed since 1994 when it was increased from .1% to .65%. He would like the City to consider having this raised. He stated that if it were raised to .80%, that would increase the Street budget by \$400,000.00. If it were raised to .90%, the Street budget would increase by \$600,000.00.

Powell agreed that this needs to be considered. Street rehabilitation and drainage projects should be identified so that the City will know what funds are required.

9. INFORMATION ON SALT BRANCH RESERVOIR.

No action.

10. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

There were no petitions from the audience.

11. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS. (ANY MATTER NOT FORESEEABLE PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDA.)

There was no unforeseeable business.

12. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Chitwood, second by Smith to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. All voted yes.