

City of Blytheville

Public Works Committee

February 7, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members:

- Councilman Jones
- Councilman Mayberry
- Councilman Perrin (C)

Others In Attendance:

- Councilwoman Brothers
- Councilman Musgraves
- Councilwoman James
- Director Mark Key

Agenda:

- I. Project Updates
 - a. Streets
 - i. Street sweeper update: Issue was discussed that Director Key has only 1 CDL driver per specialized vehicle. When an employee is out sick or on vacation, that truck is not running. Discussion regarding hiring an extra CDL driver to keep trucks on the road all week long.
 - ii. Pothole Update: Truck is still being built (delayed due to COVID supply chain issues). Expected to arrive around June.
 - b. Sidewalks: no discussion
 - c. Drainage Issues
 - i. Magnolia/Hardin
 - ii. 2nd/Pecan

Both issues are a result from the city's inability to clean the ditches that are the responsibility of BNSF; who tends to clean ditches every 7 years.
 - d. Speed Bump Applications
 - i. Question was asked regarding removal of speed bumps. Perrin believes that the removal process is similar to the installation process (requiring 75% of signatures on a given street if bumps have been determined to be ineffective or detrimental.
- II. Public Parking Signage – has been ordered.

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III. Remarks & Questions Outstanding

- a. Discussion about citizens opting in for a robo-call when changes to sanitation schedules occur due to weather.
- b. Councilman Mayberry discussed trash remaining at Peabody when citizens go out of their way to clean up a lot. From the discussion, it became apparent that it is actually illegal dumping. Despite the citizens' best intentions, PW can only pick up at a lot that has a water bill; otherwise, the city assumes responsibility for the lot.

Next Public Works Meeting: Monday, March 7th, 2022 at 4:00pm