

City of Blytheville

Public Works Committee

February 11, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members:

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

Others In Attendance

- Mark Key – PW Director
- Council:
 - Barbara Brothers
 - Vera James
 - John Musgraves
- Greydon Williams – Town Courier
- James Sanders – Mayor

Minutes:

I. Report from Director Mark Key

- New tractor has been budgeted for and are working on purchasing
- Looking into leasing new waste truck for \$170k, 5 years with guarantee \$55k buyback

II. Council Participation

- Perrin offered a discussion regarding council members' compensation based on attendance to meeting, citing former Resolution 2015.01.
- Councilmen Jones and Musgraves argued that they spend time talking to constituents and that doesn't get counted and also noted that their constituents hadn't complained about this issue. Finally, they stated that if their constituents were unhappy with their work, they could vote them out.
- Perrin stated that as it is, everyone attends the meetings. That this is a show of good faith to the people who voted us in; that we're opting to hold ourselves accountable.
- Perrin made a motion to send to full council. No 2nd was made from either Councilman Jones nor Councilman Mayberry.

III. Remarks & Questions Outstanding

- Perrin asked about houses condemned in the Nov. 2018 resolution.
 - Response was that these properties were added to a list of condemned properties. Questions remain about the process for selecting which condemned properties are demolished and in which order.
- A representative from Main Street Blytheville had asked in Jan. about the lights on Main Street not working
 - Public Works is still working on the repair.
- The city has received \$250K from State Aid Street Committee to repair Ruddle Rd and Highland. No timeline has yet been set as to completion, but Perrin asked that consideration be given to improvements including sidewalks and bike routes in order to increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists.