

City of Blytheville

Public Works Committee

March 12, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members:

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

Others In Attendance

- Mark Key – PW Director
- Council:
 - Barbara Brothers
 - Vera James

Minutes:

I. Report from Director Mark Key

- PW team dug out ditches and blew out culverts on the streets behind the Dodge Store. Dogwood Rd and S. Elm just dug out the ditches—Moore St and Short St dug out ditches and blew out culverts. The next ditches will be on Walls, Lake, Partee, Franklin and Sawyer.
- We are still waiting for Jowers Construction to finish up replacing drain boxes on Keith St and on Ash @ Lockard, both of which have already been approved.
- Report broken out below in agenda.

II. Project Updates

a. Road Repairs

- PW team is filling potholes daily. For the month of February, we did a total of 73. Problem is potholes are intended to be filled in 45° weather

b. Lights on Main Street

- Two of the arches are finished, the third on Franklin will require busting the concrete to find the break in the wire underground. When repaired, Entergy will come and inspect each arch and then turn the power back on.

c. Demolition of Condemned Properties

- Director Mark Key tries to add around 10 houses to be taken down each year. He shared that the estimated cost of demolition for a 1200 sq. ft. house is roughly \$5400.
- Current planned teardowns include: 100 W. Cherry, 205 E. Missouri, 113 E. Moultrie

III. Remarks & Questions Outstanding

- a. Councilwoman James had questions about flooding. Director Key pointed out that much of the area she was referring to is actually the state's responsibility
 - Councilman Jones asked Director Key to draft a letter with the mayor to the state highway department to have them fix what is theirs to fix
- b. Ms. Thomas asked about flooding on E. Rose, noting that it looks like a cesspool. Director Key shared his contact info so that they could take a look at it together.
- c. Councilwoman Brothers mentioned about flooding that farmers are growing all the way over the easement and into the street in some places. It was stated that Mayor Sanders is working on this.