

City of Blytheville

Public Works Committee

November 4, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members:

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

Others In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

- I. Report from Director Mark Key
 - a. PW pass the ADEQ inspection (including several surprise visits) at the transfer station on South Elm St. The underground storage tanks at our 310 S. 10th yard also passed inspection.
 - b. Highland Street- the state plans to start work on Highland by Nov. 15. Mayor Sanders and Director Key met with them by phone on Oct. 31.
 - c. Airport Lights-Mayor Sanders and Airport Director Jerry Chism are looking at a grant to help with the funding of the airport lights. Mayor Sanders received an email on Oct. 16 and we are waiting to see what can be done.
 - d. Condemned Properties-We have torn down 13 properties on the list so far. We will start cleanup on Dixie on Nov. 5. We will then move to South Lilly and start the 5 we have to do in that area.
- II. Project Updates
 - a. Street Repair on Ruddle and Highland – noted above
 - b. Replacing airport lights – noted above
 - c. Elm St Repair – still taking quotes, working on long-term solution
 - d. Demolition of Condemned Properties – noted above
- III. Items for the Committee
 - a. Railroad crossing closure proposal from BNSF – a proposal by BNSF to close two railroad crossings was delivered. After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Perrin to table the proposal until December in order to appropriately hear from citizens.

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- IV. Remarks & Questions Outstanding
 - a. Ms. Stewart asked about damage to her vehicle caused by a pothole. She was referred to our city attorney, however, the pothole is believed to have been caused by a utility company.