

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2021, 6PM  
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5 E. BUTLER ROAD  
4<sup>th</sup> committee meeting

Committee Members: Jason Kraeling (Chair), Carol King, Michael Reynolds  
Others present: PW Director Matt Fleahman and City Administrator Brandon Madden

1. Call to Order- Chairman Kraeling

2. Public Comment

Scott Crosby: I live at 209 Shadecrest Drive and this is in reference to one of your action items. I would like you to have some background. There are half a dozen kids on my part of the street and there are others, I am sure. There are several people I talked to about this, and we all agree, with the changes happening on East Butler, we would like to have this sign placed. We know some kids are on Old Mill itself and they are young enough that this might solve a safety issue before it happens.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Works Committee Meeting: September 7, 2021

**Motion:** Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Public Works Director Matt Fleahman

Budget Review- All the divisions are under budget.

The fleet area is complete.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Signage request to SCDOT

Staff received a request to have signs installed at each end of the residential portion of Old Mill Road – i.e., the section between the East Butler Road intersection and the Miller Road intersection, saying “No Through Trucks”.

Given that Old Mill Road, E. Butler Road, and Miller Road are all owned and maintained by DOT, the City would request the section of roadway where they want to restrict through truck traffic (local truck traffic and deliveries must still be allowed) and must also recommend alternate truck routes.

**Motion:** Councilwoman King made a motion to send this request to Council with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

Councilwoman King said with an alternative route, trucks would have to turn off of Old Mill onto Miller. There is no room. Just last week, she had to move her car to allow a truck to turn. She is not against this, but cannot support it based upon the alternate route.

Councilwoman King said we can conduct a study and think about this a little longer because of the detour route.

Councilman Reynolds said he would like someone to talk to the businesses that would be affected on how to address these concerns. Mr. Madden said staff could do this.

Chairman Kraeling said he was particularly concerned about GBS lumber and their trucks. He is also concerned about wear and tear on the roads. We do have traffic that take shortcuts. He would like to study this more. Once we send the request to DOT, it is in their hands.

Councilwoman King rescinded her motion.

**Motion:** Councilwoman King made a motion to hold this item in committee to allow time for staff to get more information. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

b. Resolution to approve a contract with Pratt Recycling

The City takes its recycling collections to Pratt Recycling located in Spartanburg, SC, daily. The charge a tipping fee of \$66 per ton for the collections. Over the past few years, the tipping fee charged by Pratt has increased annually. Pratt has proposed an agreement with the City to have a flat tipping fee of \$75 per ton for the City's recycling collections. The agreement will be based on the market rate for recyclables, and the tip fee could be reduced in the future.

Council budgeted \$400,000 in its FY2022 Budget to cover the cost for tipping fees for its trash, recycling, limbs, brush, and debris. The impact of the increase of the tipping fees for recycling should Council approve this agreement should be able to be absorbed in the City's current budget.

**Motion:** Councilwoman King made a motion to send this item to Council. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

Chairman Kraeling asked Mr. Fleahman if he could provide a breakdown of what is being recycled. He answered he should be able to do that. Mr. Fleahman said cardboard and paper has the greatest value right now in recycling.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- Councilwoman King thanked Mr. Crosby for bringing up the truck situation on Old Mill.

Chairman Kraeling mentioned the Public Works department may want to consider getting a sticker to put on the trash cans to show which way the cans should point when they are out at the street for pickup. This was a suggestion from a citizen.

9. Adjournment- Chairman Kraeling adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk