

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD
6th committee meeting

Committee Members present were Chairman Jason Kraeling, Committee members Carol King and Michael Reynolds.

Others present were PW Director Matthew Fleahman and City Administrator Seth Duncan.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Kraeling

2. Public Comment

MJ Seeche- 309 Miller Road in Mauldin.

Mr. Seeche submitted a public comment in September 2023 that did not make it into committee minutes. Mr. Seeche is asking bulk items that the City will or will not be picked up be listed on the City website to provide clarification as well as any other information pertinent to bulk items.

Mr. Seeche said he was told in a previous email that he could submit public comment through email for inclusion in the Public Works committee meeting minutes. That practice has happened in the past, but he is now being told that in order to have public comment included in the minutes you must come in person or participate electronically. Mr. Seeche asked for staff to cite any standing committee rule or ordinance that requires in person or electronic participation in order to be included in the minutes. Mr. Seeche was advised there is no written rule or standard governing this practice.

Mr. Seeche said he does not anticipate an answer to his questions tonight and would prefer a written response by the responsible party.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Works Committee- December 4, 2023

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

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. PW Director Matthew Fleahman

The department has gotten through the holiday season. Decorations will be taken down next week. The Sewer Division has worked very hard to complete all goals set forward in

the sewer maintenance program plan. Mr. Fleahman attributed that to the leadership in the department.

All divisions are where they need to be in their budgets.

Councilman Reynolds thanked Mr. Fleahman for being the right leader to push the employees toward excellence.

Roadway Analysis and Evaluation

County staff requested a list of road improvement projects from various jurisdictions to articulate the significant need that exists throughout the County. A request was made to City staff for a list of top road projects/improvements and the City's roadway inventory and associated PCI scores. This information was provided on September 29, 2023. During the December Committee meeting, the Public Works Department was tasked with making new lists, where City and State roads were separated. In addition to separating the roadways, it was expected that the roadways would be ranked in terms of priority. Below are these new lists:

City Roads

- 1 Holland Road (city) – Resurface from Vendue Ct. to E. Butler Rd
- 2 Adams Mill (city/state) – Resurface from Ashmore Bridge to Brooks Road.
- 3 Bridges Road (city/state) - Resurface from E. Butler to Bethel Road
- 4 Maple Drive (city) - Resurface from Ashmore Bridge to Peachtree Lane
- 5 Crestwood Drive (city) - Resurface from Ashmore Bridge to Whatley Circle
- 6 Whatley Circle (city) - Resurface from W. Butler to 276S
- 7 Huntington Circle (city) - Resurface from Knollwood Drive to end
- 8 Fargo St (city) - Resurface from Bethel Drive to Danbury Lane
- 9 Bartlett St (city) - Resurface from Fargo Street to Danbury Lane
- 10 Bangor St (city) - Resurface from Fargo Street to Bartlett Street

State/County Roads

- 1 Ashmore Bridge Road (state) – Widening between Fork Shoals Rd and W. Butler Rd
- 2 W. Butler (state) – Resurface from Conestee Rd to HWY 276
- 3 HWY 276N/S (state) – Resurface from East Standing Springs to Innovation Drive
- 4 Miller Road (state) – Resurface from Murray Drive to Woodruff Road
- 5 Interchange Improvement (state) – Forrester Drive and Hamby Drive
- 6 Hamby Road (state) – Resurface from Miller Road to Forrester Drive
- 7 N. Golden Strip - Resurface from SC417 to Bethel Drive
- 8 Old Mil (state) – Resurface from E. Butler to Forrester Drive
- 9 Fowler Circle (county) – Widening from W. Butler Road to Murphy Lane
- 10 Brooks Road (county/city) - Resurface from New Neely Ferry Rd to Shawn Drive

Councilwoman King said the road conditions are serious problems and if the road sales tax falls through, she would like to know what Plan B might be.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business- There is no new business.

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- Councilwoman King asked Mr. Fleahman to let his employees know how appreciated they are.

Mr. Duncan mentioned that minutes are records what happened during a meeting. Mr. Seeche was advised that he must be present in person or electronically to be included in the minutes. Comments sent by email will be dispersed to Council members, but not included in the record of the meeting.

9. Adjournment- Chairman Kraeling adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk