

WORK SESSION
APRIL 8, 2024
6:00 P.M.

The Town of Pine Mountain held a work session on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Church Avenue pipe replacement

Mr. Oliver discussed the washout issue that the Town currently has on Church Avenue. The Town's engineering firm is currently working on plans to address the drainage issues in the Wood/Hardy/Church Avenue neighborhood. We need to make sure we are not correcting just part of the problem and not the entire problem. We do have one homeowner that does not want the Town to come through their property. We did receive an opinion of probable construction costs in the amount of \$296,268.75. Mr. Dunlap stated that we have a homeowner who has pictures of water coming from West Harris as well. This amount would most likely only fix the Church Avenue issue but not the entire project. We need to look at the big picture.

Mr. Oliver stated we will have to determine where we will be able to get the funding from. The grants that we've looked at in the past are based on income and we were not able to get the funding.

Sullivan Circle relocate storm drain

The Town has received a call from a homeowner in reference to a washout around the foundation of their home. Storm water is crossing the street into the lot next door to them and then goes into the owner's property. Mr. Oliver stated we need to redirect the water to one side. We will need some ditch work done as well. We would need to have a contractor to have work done on private property. We do not have any cost estimates currently.

Meadow Springs Drive pipe under road needs to be replaced

Mr. Jerry Teasley is having issues out of the storm collection boxes that are currently there. With the big flows it's overflowing into his yard. One pipe route around the south end of his property and diverts on Meadow Springs Drive. A few years ago, the County helped us with putting a new 30-inch pipe in. The water is starting to uncover utility lines. It jumps the road on the out-flow side and hits so hard it's eroding the ditch. The issue here is the state is looking at this as state waters, so as we approach this project EPD will be involved. Whatever we design we will have to send to EPD and then we will have to follow the state's protocol for the repairs. Mr. Dunlap stated that the town needs to keep in mind there's a house approximately 75 feet from the ditch. The owner is concerned about this washout undermining their foundation. Mr. Oliver stated he does not feel the Town is the sole responsible party in this one because the County inspected it and signed off on it. We are going to have to work with the county and EPD.

Mr. Dunlap stated we are trying to get a priority list together to see what we need to fix first. We must see how much some of these projects will cost and how we can get the funding.

Mrs. Bray wanted to know if she could ask a question, Mr. Oliver said yes ma'am. In making up this priority list will some of the projects we talked about while I was on council be at the top of the list. Mr. Oliver stated that the engineering firm is working on this and close to finalizing and trying to figure out where we can get the funds. Mrs. Bray stated some people may not know where you are talking about. Mr. Oliver stated Wood/Church/Hardy Avenues.

Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson asked Justin if he could translate Meadow Springs Drive-talking about the ditch needs to be reshaped. At the hard turn where the Stones live the ditch coming down where it's uncovering the utility lines will have to be reshaped and stabilized, as well as the out-flow side across the street. We could build a retention wall for the water to hit and that way it's not up against bare banks, it's against concrete.

Mrs. Johnson stated you've been on my property where we've tried to mitigate but it's not mitigating. That's what I'm trying to figure out. The down stream ditch is not stabilized, is that the ditch adjacent to my property? That is part of the stabilization, the ditch by your house we are looking at possibly splitting flows before they even reach that point, because what we are having now is the pipe taking what it can, but then it overflows and gets into the ditch in front of your house-this is part of the stabilization. Mrs. Johnson stated the funding is not a definite is that what I'm understanding. Mr. Oliver stated not at this point and that's part of what EPD will be involved in. How and what we can do we are unsure of until we present the plans to EPD. Mrs. Johnson asked, so does that mean the stabilization will not be through the town but through the state? Mr. Oliver stated we are unsure just yet. The pipe going under the road will not be larger but will be 2 pipes. Could we possibly have pipes in the ditches because the ditches are not being maintained, Mrs. Johnson stated.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there is anyway we can have the workshop on the website. I didn't see it on there, the only way I found out about this is I was trying to see what I could not put out by the curb for large item pickup and happened to look over and see Meadow Springs Drive on the agenda. We have the technology; I would think we could do that. Mrs. Sivell stated it should have been on the website. Mrs. Johnson stated she went there today, and it was not there. Mrs. Sivell said she would get with the company we used to see why it wasn't on there.

Mrs. Johnson stated that sometimes we have residents come in and ask questions and they want the answers they want, and they don't want to be told I don't know-this was like 3 weeks ago because we have survey tape on the road, and we are trying to figure out what was going on. Mrs. Sivell stated that has nothing to do with this. Mr. Oliver stated the survey tape has nothing to do with this. This issue is, I was asking if something was going on Meadow Springs Drive, and I did not quite get a full answer. Mrs. Sivell tried to explain to Mrs. Johnson, and she said you know Betsy we are going to let this go. Mrs. Sivell said whatever-whatever floats your boat. Mr. Dunlap said that the problem is we need to go back to Hillcrest Drive and work our way down. It is not a one-part problem. Mrs. Johnson said she'd lived there for 10 years, and it took Jason (but I believe she was meaning Justin) 9 years to show up. I was excited to see all the stuff happening, but it was only a bandage.

Ms. Jessie asked what is wrong with Church Avenue and why we having problems on Wood Avenue? Where is the problem? Where the water comes under Church, the pipe is undersized. We have one property homeowner that does not want to be a part of the solution. Since that homeowner doesn't want to be involved, we must find another way to fix the Church/Wood/Hardy Avenue issue. Ms. Jessie said this has been going on since 1997.

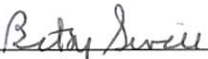
Town Hall Renovations

Mayor Pendergrass said he thought we could do the project for around \$250,000.00. We only received one bid from Carlisle's Construction, and it was in the amount of \$624,000.00. I think we need to go back to the drawing board.


Mr. Trott asked if we could do some partnering with the county on this project. Mayor Pendergrass said he wasn't sure.

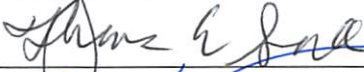
The work session ended at 6:55 P.M.

At the end of the work session Mrs. Sivell looked on the website and the work session agenda was on there, she let Mrs. Johnson know.

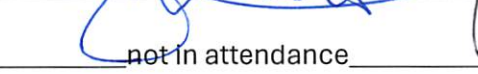


Betsy Sivell
Town Clerk


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_____, James W. Trott, Jr.


_____, Curtis Bray

_____, not in attendance
_____, Christopher B. Boyer