

Sherwood Street Committee
Minutes
May 11, 2023

The Sherwood Street Committee met on May 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 2199 E. Kiehl, Sherwood, Arkansas. The meeting was open to the public.

Members Present

Kevin Lilly
Kyle Wade
Ross Lovenstein

Staff Present

Brian Galloway
Lon Warneke
Dennis Webb
Chief Jeff Hagar
Belinda Shaw

Also present were Mayor Heye-Townsell, Stephen Cobb, Finley Vinson, and Jennie Martin.

Kevin Lilly called the meeting to order.

There was a motion by Kyle to accept the minutes and a 2nd by Ross. The vote was unanimous.

Under Budget, there were no issues or concerns.

Kevin asked to add 712 E. Maryland and Silver Creek Truck Route to Old Business and Kyle asked to add "No Parking" signs on Woodridge to New Business.

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Under Public Works, there were no issues or concerns.

Under Street Updates, there were no issues or concerns.

Under Old Business, provided updates on the street projects.

On E. Maryland, Lon said the signs were down and the striping was complete. There is sod that needs to be replaced or added. We will do a walk thru and create a punch list.

On Country Club, Lon stated has been completed. Brian stated the final walk thru was last Monday.

On Hemphill, will undercut street next Tuesday. Kyle asked about the AT&T lines and Lon stated they are still battling that out. AT&T told us we were good to go, and the lines were 3 feet below the surface, and it turns out they were 6 inches below the surface. A discussion followed.

On Jacksonville Cato, Lon stated the Phase I redesign is pretty much complete. The Mayor stated there is only one acquisition left that we have not come to an agreement with. Others are in the works.

On Sherwood Acres, Brian stated the engineers estimate is in the package. Brian said the new updated cost estimate from Thomas is \$1,102,425.50. Kevin stated the committee hasn't give a go on it. The Mayor stated Tracy is applying for grants. Brian stated the big issue in applying for a grant is that we wouldn't know until late August and wouldn't be able to start construction until next year. Brian provided plans showing the scope of work to be done to improve the Sherwood Acres drainage. Corrugated metal pipes will be replaced with larger RCP pipes to allow adequate water flow. This will improve the drainage and stop the property damage to residents property. Kevin stated he would like to get this off the plate one way or another. Either vote for it or not. Kyle stated we are this far along with it, and it has got to be done like you said. Kyle said his opinion would be to take the next step with it. Ross stated he agrees with it. Prices just continue to skyrocket. The Mayor asked what they wanted Tracy to do. Tracy is working on two grants for the project. Kevin stated he would hate to say no to the grants but what does it change if we vote to send it to the council or to bid. What does that change from a grant perspective? The Mayor said she just needs to know if we want to outright fund it or look for additional funding. Kevin stated we always want additional funding. Kevin said he is prepared to fund it at full cost and then hope we get funding. Brian stated there is one grant that could possibly fund all of it. We would know if we get it late in the year. However, you can't start the project and then get reimbursement from the grant. There is another grant and the possibility we could get \$300,000 funding and would possibly know by August. Kevin asked Brian to tell them what he needed. Brian stated his concern is the resident's driveway that we have a temporary fix on. The driveway may make it to next year and we could get a big rain that puts his driveway out. We don't know what will happen. A discussion followed. Kyle said in his opinion we need to keep applying for grants and do whatever and if we can split into different phases, I think it is something to go ahead and kick to council. Kevin asked to get it in the form of a motion. Kevin stated he thinks it gets kicked to bids and once bids are in, it would go to council. Brian stated it can't go to bid until we have a grant in place if we are going to utilize grant funding. Kevin stated then there is no action for us to take if this is the way we are going to do things.

On Whitewood, Lon stated it is almost complete. The box culvert is in, and it is connected back to the ditch paving. The ditch has been opened and is draining well. They need to clean up, lay sod, and open the road and should be done in a couple of weeks.

The Indianhead sidewalks project was awarded to Wooster.

Kevin asked what is the status on 712 E. Maryland. Lon stated we consider it resolved. Jennie Martin said it is still holding water in the culvert and no draining and it is not fixed. A discussion followed. Kevin asked that we look at the situation. Brian stated we have not completed the final walk thru and we will look in the boxes. The Mayor stated Finley would go to take a look at it. There isn't much fall to the land. Brian stated with the minimal fall and sod work and putting in river loam, there could be a dirt dam. A discussion followed.

Regarding trucks routes, Kevin stated the situation we are dealing with directly is Silver Creek and car haulers pulling in and going into neighborhoods to turn around. Kevin said the signage doesn't work. Kevin asked if we wanted to pursue something with trucks and where they can or can't go within the city of Sherwood. Brian stated he knows of three roads that have "No Truck" signs on them, Tammy Ln, Country Club, and Silver Creek. The Mayor stated we have one more speed cushion to put on Silver Creek and that might help. Brian stated the main complaint is the trucks turning around on the first street. A discussion followed.

Kevin asked if we needed to put something together to send to the council. Brian stated the trucks should not be on Tammy Ln. It is a very narrow road. Chief Hagar stated he would ask that we think about the enforcement end. Brian stated he would prefer to see us identify streets with signs on them and then identify by axle or gross weight capacity. Something that is pretty evident is it shouldn't be on the road and then it becomes easy to enforce. Chief Hagar said the police didn't get a lot of complaints coming in and out of town except for those with signs. A discussion followed.

Kyle stated there are situations, no doubt, where something is needed. We are leaving enforcement with nothing. So, the process and how it needs to be written is a step we need to figure out. Ross stated he is more in favor of finding out the problem roads and drafting an ordinance to take care of the smaller issues and not just a blanket ordinance to cover the whole city. Brian asked about circling back to posting signage on a road that says "No Trucks Over Gross Vehicle Weight" per ordinance "X". If there is a road that needs to be addressed, you place signage on each end stating it is being enforced by the ordinance and nothing greater than a specific weight. Steve Cobb suggested posting a "No Loading" sign since that is the problem. Other than writing something that might affect the whole city, let's take smaller steps. Kevin asked how you would enforce a "No Loading or Unloading"? Chief Hagar said Steve would have to weigh in on that. We have to have something we can cite for. A discussion followed.

Kevin asked Finley to put something together to present to the committee.

Kevin asked if Seminole Trail could be considered for resurfacing. Brian stated the only reason we haven't is the steep hill, sharp curve, and the number of driveways without enough rise. Finley has committed to walk the road with me in the near future and discuss ideas.

Kevin asked about the speed control device policy. Brian stated we have before and after data on Silver Creek and Shoshoni. We used the 7 mph as the tolerance threshold. Brian stated average speed decreased after they were installed. No doubt they work. Kevin asked that we put a policy together. The Mayor stated Finley recommends that if you like this, it can be the policy and we can tweak as we go along. Finley stated lots of language needs to be in the policy. Sherwood needs a Master Street Plan update. The Mayor stated they looked at a bunch of policies from different cities and worked with the Chief and Brian. The Mayor said if someone requests speed cushions for their street, we will have the criteria to make the determination. We would also need 60% of people in the affected areas to say they want one. Not every street warrants a traffic cushion. Brian stated once we determine they are needed, while the resident is collecting signatures, we are going to put up signage saying this is the proposed location of the speed cushion. A discussion followed.

Kevin asked the Mayor if this was ready for recommendation to the council. Ross asked if it was just for speed cushions and Brian stated it encompassed all devices. A discussion followed. Kyle asked to remove the word "suggested" from the policy and use "minimum".

Ross made a motion to send the Speed Control Device Policy to the council and there was a 2nd by Kyle. The vote was unanimous.

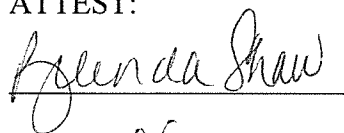
Kyle stated he had received a call from a resident on Woodridge asking about No Parking signs that used to be on Woodridge. Brian stated he was not familiar with it but would look into it and ask PD to look at it also. If there is a hazard, we can put up signage. A discussion followed.

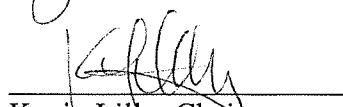
Brian asked about an ordinance setting the speed limit to 25 mph on all residential / local streets. Kevin asked about streets designated at 20 mph. Brian suggested making all the residential / local streets 25 mph.

Kyle made a motion to send an ordinance to the council, for approval, proposing to make speed limits 25 mph on all residential / local streets and there was a 2nd by Ross. The vote was unanimous.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn and there was a 2nd by Ross.

ATTEST:





Kevin Lilly, Chairman