

MONTEVALLO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Montevallo City Hall
Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2023
1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trey Gauntt, Sonya Swords, Mark Richard
Staff Present: Regina Ashmore
Others Present: Steve Gilbert, Lisa Shapiro, City of Montevallo; Susan Hayes (Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Swords. Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt were in attendance creating a quorum. A notice for this meeting was posted on March 14, 2023.

Mr. Richard made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gauntt. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3-0), with Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt voting in favor.

Ms. Hayes stated that financial packages have been circulated to members and project schedules and expenditures have been updated.

The Hwy 25 sidewalk project is still awaiting ALDOT final approval; holding for an executed traffic signal agreement.

The mountain bike trail project had a preconstruction meeting last week; the contractor is expected to complete the project by fall. Ms. Swords inquired about the proposed plans for the space adjacent to Stephens Park. Mr. Gauntt that would be one of the last items the contractor addressed; there are conversations about public access to the track, perhaps public parking or spectator areas along Highway 204.

Mr. Gilbert stated the Wadsworth Street Project would be let for bids next week. The work will be scheduled for June, after school breaks for summer. Bid packages will include paving for the cemetery patch, Creek Street and Tecumseh Street. The city will take lead on the project and request reimbursement from the Board.

In accordance with city rules, regulations and/or ordinances, the next step for the hotel project will require a request to the Historical Commission to remove the contributing building designation from the proposed site. The original building housed the Reynolds Mercantile dating back to 1870 substantiated by a newspaper advertisement. It has changed appearance and uses many times since and is arguably no longer a historical contributing building. Approval must be granted by the Montevallo Historical Commission to move this project forward. The city is researching and gathering supporting documentation to supplement their forthcoming request for a certificate of appropriateness from the Historical Commission.

The Moore's Crossroads project is scheduled for city council approval to begin the engineering phase. A traffic count will immediately follow. Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Gauntt briefly discussed the potential for utility relocation and acquisition of rights-of-way and when the timeframe for the project.

Mr. Gilbert asked if Mr. Gauntt could obtain cost estimates for the repair or replacement of the bridge on the greenway along County Road 10 near Stephens Park. Once obtained, the city would follow up with a formal request to the Board for consideration to fund the project.

Mr. Gauntt informed the Board that the county had plans to make improvements at Almont Park with the installation of a community storm shelter followed by a pavilion within the next few months.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Montevallo City Hall. The Zoom login will be provided for the meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Gauntt made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of three (3-0), with Mr. Gauntt, Mr. Richard and Chairman Swords voting in favor, the regular meeting of April 10, 2023 was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Regina Ashmore

Recording Secretary

Sonya Swords

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