

**Monday, April 24, 2023**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN- SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. Call to Order – Mayor Dimmitt Called the meeting to order t 6:00 PM with the Pledge immediately following.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. ROLL CALL**

- A. Roll Call – All members were present.

Alderman Plufka – Present	Alderswoman Tice – Present
Alderswoman Sims – Present	Alderman Wegge – Present (virtually - via Zoom)
Alderman Gould – Present	Alderman Lochmoeller – Present
Alderswoman O’Neill - Present	Alderman Shelton – Present

Additional people present at the meeting included: Eric Gruenenfelder (Director of Parks and Recreation), Dan Gummertsheimer (Director of Public Works), Joe Spiess (Police Chief), Bola Akande (City Administrator), Kevin O’Keefe (City Attorney), and Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

- A. Approval or Amendment of Agenda – Approved by acclamation.

**4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- A. Citizen Comments - None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Update to Lee Wynn Trail

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board and shared that there were 3 failure areas on the trail. He noted that area #3 has been completed, and that area #2 has unsuitable soil for the scour locks. In the process, Castle has identified a new area (40 additional feet) that needs attention. Without attention, it could undermine some of the area that has already been done and ruin the trail. They would propose the same scour locks system. The additional change order is for a cost of \$106,000.

Christie Brinkman with Castle Construction was available to answer any questions. She stated that they are on schedule with the original timeline. They ran into some limestone rock today, but SCI was very responsive, and Castle will absorb the cost of that to keep the project moving forward and on track. It was suggested to keep the contingency money on Project 2A in case they run into more rock or something else.

Dan noted that they submitted an application to FEMA, but that this change order does not qualify, and will not be approved, as FEMA can’t tell if it is new damage or old damage from the flood.

Alderswoman O’Neill asked if the Limestone we hit would not be a good stabilizer for this project. Christie responded that it would, but they are having to take out the shattered pieces, which do not stabilize, not the rock shelf.

Alderman Gould asked if FEMA/SEMA could cover preventative measures in Nature. Eric noted that mitigation only gets 10% reimbursement.

Alderswoman Tice asked what assurances we have that this will not happen again going forward. Christie responded that the way this is set, it should be able to cut off that problem. She did suggest before, and now, that a more wholistic study with and broader mitigation area further up the creek might be useful.

Alderman Wegge asked if this was coordinated with the Army Corp. of Engineers and MSD. Christie said it was and that they will continue to work with them. There are no issues with tree clearing so they should be able to move forward.

Alderman Lochmoeller inquired if there would be any additional cost for design work on this section. Christie noted there is no cost for design work.

Alderman Plufka noted that \$15,000 (15%) is suggested as a cushion in addition to the \$106,000 cost in case there is a need for an additional change order.

Alderman Gould noted for the public that tree clearing has not ever been any part of the problem. The issue is poor quality dirt for compaction. Water/flood events just erode the poor soil and cause the failures.

It was stated that our goal is to ensure good use of tax dollars, and this is a good use and the right fix to the problem.

**Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to approve the \$106,000 for the change order and up to \$15,000 in contingency for the project. Roll call:**

Alderman Plufka – Yes

Alderwoman Tice – Yes

Alderwoman Sims – Yes

Alderman Wegge – Yes

Alderman Gould – Yes

Alderman Lochmoeller – Yes

Alderwoman O'Neill - Yes

Alderman Shelton – Yes

**Motion carried by a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no).**

## **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

A. Citizen Comments - None

## **7. ADJOURN**

A. Adjournment – The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:17PM

This meeting was livestreamed on YouTube. The recording will be made available on the City's YouTube channel.