

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
CITY OF CLOVIS) ss.

The City of Clovis Public Works Committee met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 26th, 2022 in the North Annex, Clovis-Carver Library, 701 N. Main in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bryant, District 4, Chairman
Commissioner George Jones, District 1
Mr. Randy Petty, District 4
Commissioner Gene Porter, District 2
Mr. Cliff Martin, District 3

ABSENT:

Mr. Izik Crispin, District 1
Commissioner David Bryant, District 3

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT:

Mr. Justin Howalt, City Manager
Mr. Jay Brady, Clovis Municipal Schools

EX-OFFICIO ABSENT:

Mr. Clint Bunch, Public Works Director

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Bill Kshir, Assistant Public Works Director
Mr. Oscar Macias, Landfill Superintendent
Mr. Loran Hill, Senior Director of Operations

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of minutes of July 27, 2022

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2022; Mr. Petty seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Discussion regarding City of Clovis plastic recycle program

Mr. Kshir advised in the past they bail the plastic and then take the bails to Albuquerque. They are trying to get the recycling done at a minimal loss. In the past they would get \$.03 per pound and normally a bale weighs about 600 lbs. The labor involved with benefits is about \$20/hour and it takes around 16 hours of sorting to get one bale. It takes around 8 more hours to make the plastic into a bale. The total cost just for labor to make one bale is around \$480. They would get around \$18 per bale, which made their loss around \$462. The price has dropped to around \$.01 per pound. The recyclers the city wants to take the bales to don't want it because it is not cost effective for them either. The Amarillo landfill contacted the City to bring there plastics to the landfill.

Mr. Macias advised about 80% of what are in the recycling bins are trash. The only things they can recycle are the soda bottles, milk jugs, shampoo and cleaning bottles. They can't mix shampoo and cleaning bottles with the other products. If the bottles are colored, they have to be done separately. It's a lot for one person to keep up with and the city is not producing any revenue.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked if the solution was to look at not recycling plastic at all. Mr. Macias advised they should consider it, but they are still going to recycle cardboard and tin cans. Mr. Kshir advised even if they just had a minor loss they could say there was a benefit, but with this kind of loss that is tax dollars they shouldn't be throwing away.

Mr. Petty asked what the projected impact to the landfill would be. Mr. Kshir advised about 80% of what they haul in to be recycled goes in the landfill anyway because it is not recyclable. Mr. Macias advised the city should get back into recycling when there is profit or more staff, but right now it won't hurt the landfill. Mr. Petty advised it didn't make sense to do anything with it.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised he had no idea the time it took to bale the plastics. Commissioner Jones asked if they could make a recommendation to the commission to stop recycling plastics. Mr. Howalt advised at the next meeting they could put this as an action item to eliminate the program or pause the program.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Discussion and recommendation regarding MLK improvements

Mr. Howalt advised the MLK project from 21st to 7th Street is 100% design and ready to be constructed. They were seeking transportation project funds from the State of New Mexico to fund that project. They did not receive that funding from the state so he has a proposal to utilize the American Recovery Plan Act funding, road bond funds and some of the drainage funds for this project. The estimated cost for the project is around \$7.4 million and the City received \$9.7 million in American Recovery Plan Act funding. He proposed to use half of that for this project, \$1.7 million from the road bonds and \$1.5 million from drainage. Commissioner Jones moved for approval; Mr. Petty seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Update on current projects

City Update

Norris Street

This is still ongoing. The paving has been completed and they are in the process of concreting the roundabout. They completed the southern half of the roundabout. That was originally scheduled to be completed in a month so they are still on schedule.

7th Street from Maple to Main

They were able to wrap up the storm drain revisions with Century Link. This is scheduled for around a year.

Purdue and Echols drainage

They are submitting 60% design plans.

Reuse

They submitted the application for \$2.1 million to the Water Trust Board for the remainder of the work to get to the end users. They are reviewing applications.

FEMA

They have received more comments from FEMA.

Clovis Municipal Schools Update

Barry Elementary Phase 2

They are in the beginning process of design for this phase.

I Can Academy

They started the design process for this facility.

They received \$3.1 million from the state for maintenance and repair. They are working on a plan to allocate that money.

Agenda Item No. 7 – For the good of the order

Mr. Howalt advised the meeting date in November is the week of Thanksgiving. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised they needed to have a meeting to discuss the recycling program. Mr. Howalt advised they could take this to the commission and state that it had been presented to the Public Works Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised it would be better to go straight to the commission. Mr. Howalt advised they would cancel the meetings for November and December.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised he has heard concerns about traffic in district 3. He wasn't sure if there was a solution for this and this is a problem everywhere.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.