

**City of Taylor Mill
Public Hearing
Monday, July 23, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bell. In attendance were: Mayor Bell, Commissioner Frietch, Commissioner Kreimborg, Commissioner Murray and Commissioner Peace.

Mayor Bell stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input from residents regarding street reconstruction paving projects for 2018. Mayor Bell stated the City of Taylor Mill will receive one hundred and thirty-two thousand thirty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents (\$132,038.95) from Kentucky Municipal Road Aid. Mayor Bell stated the money generally goes to salt, sand, cold patch, and whatever is left over after that, goes into the construction fund.

Mayor Bell reviewed current street projects including repairing sections on McCowan Drive. Mayor Bell stated the intersection of McCowan and Maple Ridge are in need of repair and will be on the list. Mayor Bell stated sections in Saddlebrook was replaced. Mayor Bell reviewed multiple ways to fund street repairs and Taylor Mill has historically elected to pay as they go instead of going into debt. Mayor Bell stated streets are repaired on a priority basis with assistance from the engineer firm. Mayor Bell reviewed the street program in Winston Park in conjunction with SD1 and the Northern Kentucky Water District, costing the City five hundred and two thousand dollars (\$502,000.00). Mayor Bell stated money for this year is being consumed by current projects. Commissioner Murray stated the northern streets have not been touched in forty or fifty years.

Mr. Andy Mundew of 3549 Saddle brook Drive addressed the Commission. Mr. Mundew asked how the City paid for the concrete street going in at the apartments on Sharon Drive. Commissioner Murray stated they paid for it themselves and they were assessed. Commissioner Murray stated when the new section of the apartments were built, the complex said they would lay a new layer of asphalt, but never did it. Commissioner Kreimborg stated the City paid for a portion of it, the apartment was assessed for a portion of it, and SD1 paid for a portion.

Ms. Caroline Braden of 3538 Saddlebrook Drive addressed the Commission. Ms. Braden asked what is on the agenda going forward and stated it appears the City is behind on repairs. Commissioner Murray stated as long as the City is not borrowing money, they will be behind unless there is a dedicated street tax. Commissioner Murray stated every year the City tries to put out two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for street repairs and the City has been strapped because of putting five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) in the north-end. Mr. Seitzinger stated a street inventory took place several years ago and he does not have a current list to show the streets that are in the worse shape. Mr. Seitzinger stated Mr. Roden also provides feedback on streets. Mr. Roden stated most of the money goes towards road slips. Ms. Braden stated it warrants a discussion to increase taxes. Mr. Seitzinger stated standing storm water will eventually soak under the pavement and if the soil underneath it stays wet for a period of time, it

will become soft and create issues when people drive over it. Ms. Braden expressed additional concerns with not repairing streets in a timely manner.

Commissioner Kreimborg stated a street repair tax was put on the ballot years ago and it failed. Commissioner Kreimborg stated since then the county turned over eight miles of road to them and the roads are the ones with drop-offs and slips. Commissioner Kreimborg reported the City did not have a choice and it was done by court. Commissioner Murray stated if it wasn't for emergency road aid funds, the City would be in the hole. Commissioner Murray reviewed the process of using emergency road aid funds.

Mr. Jay Roark of 5214 Keeney Drive addressed the Commission. Mr. Roark asked how often the City can use emergency road aid funds. Mayor Bell stated whenever there is a major slip. Mr. Seitzinger stated you can apply for it as often as you need it, but you may not get the amount of money you are looking for to take care of the issue depending on how often it is asked for.

Mr. Roger Braden of 3538 Saddlebrook Drive addressed the Commission. Mr. Braden stated he appreciates the City for what they have done. Mr. Braden stated concerns with pedestrians walking on the side of the road and has concerns of not having sidewalks. Mayor Bell reviewed phase two of the sidewalk grant process. Mayor Bell stated the grant received is three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) and the City is responsible to pay twenty percent (20%) of the grant. Mayor Bell reviewed the hoops that came with federal grant money including hiring a state approved appraiser, purchasing of right-of-ways, permits, etc. Mayor Bell stated only receiving one bid for the sidewalk project and it came in much higher than anticipated at a total of four hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$488,000.00). Mayor Bell stated the anticipated length of the sidewalk is to Saddlebrook. Mayor Bell stated the City is going to rebid the project in hopes of receiving a better bid. Mayor Bell discussed federal project requirements including prevailing wage. Mr. Seitzinger stated if started in March, phase two of the sidewalk project should be finished up by June, weather dependent. Mr. Seitzinger stated the plan was to take it to Saddlebrook, but it may not go that far.

Mayor Bell discussed phase three of the sidewalk project. Mayor Bell stated he applied for another grant of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00) that should take the City south of Saddlebrook, as far they can go to Walnut Street by the Trifecta building. Mayor Bell stated he has not heard if the City was awarded the grant yet. Mayor Bell stated sidewalks are important to the Commission.

Mr. Braden asked how many portions of Saddlebrook are going to be concreted. Mr. Roden stated almost to the intersection. Mr. Roden stated any section that has been saw-cut.

Mr. Braden stated he believe water is getting underneath Saddlebrook causing the worsening condition of the road. Mr. Seitzinger stated he will take a look at the road and it is a possibility. Commissioner Murray discussed issues with not having under drains. Commissioner Kreimborg stated the streets going down now do have under drains due to requirements that were not in place back then.

Ms. Tracey Bowling of 640 Grand Avenue addressed the Commission. Ms. Bowling thanked the Commission for acknowledging the north end of Taylor Mill. Ms. Bowling stated concerns with kids walking Grand Avenue and not having sidewalks. Ms. Bowling stated the water from Grand Avenue comes down into her driveway. Ms. Bowling stated concerns about the corner of the sidewalk at the corner of Grand Avenue in front of Marathon. Mayor Bell stated he spoke to the state about Grand Avenue and was told it would cost forty-four million dollars (\$44,000,000.00) to redo Grand Avenue and there is no way the City or County could do that. Mayor Bell stated Grand Avenue has no storm sewers or sidewalks. Ms. Bowling expressed concerns about semis using Grand Avenue as a truck route. Chief Knauf stated trucks are cited and vehicle enforcement has been called down.

Commissioner Murray asked Mr. Roden how many miles of road are in the City. Mr. Roden stated thirty-five (35) miles one way.

Commissioner Kreimborg stated he is aware of the stigma Winston Park had and they put "Welcome to Taylor Mill" signs and new street signs up to make it feel more like northern Taylor Mill than Winston Park. Commissioner Kreimborg stated the City recognizes the area as Taylor Mill.

Ms. Patricia Schweitzer of 3589 Wolf Road addressed the Commission. Ms. Schweitzer stated she is having the same problem with semis going down Wolf Road. Ms. Schweitzer stated she spoke to Mr. Rice at District 6 and he stated signs need to be posted on Taylor Mill Road. Ms. Schweitzer stated she spoke to the Police Department who told her the City has to put in a request form. Ms. Schweitzer stated the Transportation Cabinet stated they never received the request. Chief Knauf stated he will follow up on it. Ms. Schweitzer discussed issues with a truck destroying her yard from turning around. Ms. Schweitzer continued to express concerns about semis passing through and speeding issues on Wolf Road.

Mr. Ray Mauer of 3193 High Ridge Drive addressed the Commission. Mr. Mauer asked when a new road is put in by a developer, and issues are later discovered, who is responsible for quality control and is anybody in the City doing inspections on the road once it's turned over to the City. Commissioner Murray stated the City has no choice but to take ownership of the road and once a developer starts a subdivision, it's the City's road. Mr. Roden stated its forty-five (45) days after the first house is built. Commissioner Murray stated PDS checks the roads as they are put in. Commissioner Murray stated the under drains have made a big difference. Commissioner Murray stated PDS cannot force a developer to do anything more than what is actually on the books. Commissioner Kreimborg stated PDS created committees throughout the years to make changes and the developers fight back.

Mr. Scott Smith of 6185 Maple Ridge Drive addressed the Commission. Mr. Smith asked if there are any streets out there that Mr. Roden or the City Engineer knows of that they could do preventative maintenance on at a minor cost today to save hundreds of thousands of dollars in the future. Mr. Roden stated time wise and man power, there is only four (4) of them and he does what he can do. Mr. Roden stated roads should be turned over the City by developers forty-five days (45) after the last house is built.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing concluded at 7:30 p.m.

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