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Public Hearing

Resolution R-03-2019 (Revised) – Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Resolution – South Side Main Street Sidewalk Project from Triplett Tech to Route 11 Bridge.

Mr. Karl Schaeffer, Senior Technical Manager with Pennoni, briefed those in attendance on this project. He stated the town has submitted an application for additional funding for sidewalk improvements from Triplett Tech south to the proposed bridge replacement on Route 11, and a requirement for this is to hold a public hearing to receive comments.

There were no public comments. Mayor Pifer closed the public hearing.

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held December 20, 2019, following the public hearing, at 3:00 PM in the council chambers at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance; Mayor Donnie Pifer; Councilmembers Judy Fultz, Whitney Miller, Rod Shepherd, Roger Rudy, and Bonnie Good. Councilmember Dennis Andrick was absent. Also, in attendance was Neil Showalter, Town Manager; Karl Schaeffer; and Debbie Stover, Town Clerk. Visitor Candi LoPresti was present.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

New Business:

Resolution R-03-2019 (Revised) – Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Resolution – South Side Main Street Sidewalk Project from Triplett Tech to Route 11 Bridge – Eligible for Action.

Councilmember Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Fultz to APPROVE Resolution R-03-19 (Revised).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Fultz			
“ Miller			
“ Shepherd			Councilmember Andrick
“ Rudy			
“ Good			

5 AYES, motion carried

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Councilmember Shepherd asked Mr. Schaeffer to enlighten those present on the north sidewalk project up to Avondale. Mr. Schaeffer replied Pennoni submitted plans for that section of sidewalk along Conicville Boulevard and north to East Avondale in August to VDOT, and received approval for funding in September. However, at the end of November they received new comments, which they are now working through and will meet with VDOT soon to discuss them. Mr. Schaeffer stated he hopes to have the project out for bid in the spring and go to construction in late spring or summer. He had an exhibit drawing in hand showing the entire project, from the bridge on the south end, to East Avondale on the north end. Councilmember Good asked if there are VDOT concerns that may halt this project. Mr. Schaeffer replied some comments were minor, while others involve the design and some known challenges at the Conicville Boulevard intersection and drainage issues near the post office. Councilmember Shepherd asked Mr. Schaeffer if ten years is a reasonable amount of time to finalize a sidewalk project, and what the town can do to expedite completion. Mr. Schaeffer responded it is not a typical time frame, and they are continuing to work through issues and be proactive. He stated the original design was without curb and gutter, and was approved by the Staunton district, but was then overturned by the Edinburg residency stating it had to have curb and gutter. Ms. LoPresti asked Mr. Schaeffer when the meeting with VDOT was, and if there is anything residents can do to expedite this. He replied it has not been scheduled yet, but hopes to have it in January or early February, and that Joe Paxton spoke with Ed Carter this week, and the project is moving forward. Councilmember Rudy asked why the overall project has taken so long. Mr. Schaeffer replied there has been no issue with the overall project, only primarily with the Conicville Boulevard intersection, and the northern drainage issues discussed above. These issues were not in the original budget, so they had to ask for additional funding. The project evolved from \$500,000 to over 1 million due to VDOT requiring the intersection traffic control signals be up-graded, and adding curb and gutter without causing further problems to the existing drainage issues. Councilmember Rudy asked if the proposed Hardees on the corner in that intersection will add new concerns. Mr. Schaeffer stated the proposed site plan shows the entrance from the side road into Food Lion, not from Route 11, so should not be an issue, and that this was previously addressed and discussed with VDOT in May. Councilmember Shepherd suggested the council put the north end sidewalk project as an agenda item for the January 14, 2020 meeting, with VDOT information on hand to discuss what the town can do to accelerate completion of this project.

Motion made by Councilmember Shepherd to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 PM.

Debbie A. Stover, Clerk

Donald I. "Donnie" Pifer, Mayor