

**CALLED MEETING
APRIL 18, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Pine Mountain sat in a called session on the evening of Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Mayor Pendergrass presided with Councilpersons Curtis Bray, John W. Hiers, Jr., Thomas E. Scott, Christopher B. Boyer, and James W. Trott, Jr. in attendance.

McDOUGALD AVENUE SEWER IMPROVEMENT

The soil conditions on McDougald Avenue will not pass the compaction test. Helix Grading & Utility, LLC presented a change request on March 11, 2024, in the amount of \$49,761.38. This change request would be to cover the change needed to remedy the issue of saturated soil. The original proposed CO was to under cut a total of three-foot fill with one foot of #34 stone and two feet of M10 to reach sub grade with a cost of \$117,258.00. Helix would like to propose an option to grade the site as is, install GAB as designed. Bring a soil cement machine in a mix cement into a depth of 18-24" grade and then pave on top of the soil cement. This will mean the entire lane in which it is installed from center line to EP will be replaced with new pavement in the area disturbed. Once pavement is placed, Helix will regrade the shoulder area and work will be complete.

On April 11, 2024, Helix presented a change request in the amount of \$61,535.07. This change request is to cover the changes needed to remedy the issue of saturated soil per the direction received on April 8, 2024, from Precision Planning, Inc. and the details provided.

Precision Planning Inc. provided an alternative approach that will simplify the remaining work and will eliminate the asphalt paving and concrete placement during April 18, 2024.

Option #1

- *Add stabilization stone (#4 stone) to soft spots in the trench.
- *Place and compact Graded Aggregate Base (GAB) per the contract and blade the rock to form a crowned section so water will drain off the GAB and onto the shoulder.
- *Contractor to add concrete caps to perpendicular (lateral) road cuts per the contract.
- *Allow traffic back onto the roadway for several months to compact the GAB and pave under the separate contract.
- *Obtain a paving credit from the contractor in the final change order.

Option #2

- *Add stabilization stone (#4 stone) to soft spots in the trench.
- *Place and compact Graded Aggregate Base (GAB) per the contract and blade the rock to form a crown section so water will drain off the GAB and onto the shoulder.
- *Have the contractor roll test the trench with a loaded dump truck and dig out and recompact any soft spots, as you would before paving a roadway.
- *Contractor to add concrete caps to the perpendicular (lateral) road cuts per the contract.
- *Have the contractor pave the compacted GAB per the contract.

Mr. Scott made a motion directing Precision Planning, Inc. to get a price for Option #1 minus *#3.

Mr. Bray seconded the motion.

Mr. Hiers, Mr. Boyer, and Mr. Trott voted in favor of the motion.

WHITE AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT

Precision Planning, Inc. (engineer) presented some background information- A preliminary closeout walk-through was performed on February 29, 2024, with the contractor, engineer and Town personnel present. A punch list was prepared by the engineer, but not presented until the Town and the contractor met on the Pine Drive driveway conditions. The engineer requested that the contractor present options for corrective work to address the rutting and wet conditions of the driveway. These options were presented to the Town on March 11, 2024. On March 13, 2024, at a called meeting, after discussing all the options presented to the Town, the Council approved a change order in the amount of \$6,000.00 for soil cement treatment to correct the issue on the driveway at White Avenue.

Based on the approved approach, Helix performed the soil cement treatment on or about April 4th or 5th, with no observation by the engineer and limited observation by the Town's staff. The observation that was carried out by the Town staff noted that the techniques used by the contractor did not match the process as outlined in the meeting on March 13, 2024. The Town Council is not satisfied with the work that has been done. The engineer informed the Council that a second punch list walk-through was held on April 10, 2024, to determine what items had been completed on the punch list. The punch list included performing the soil cement treatment on the driveway. After much discussion, the engineer indicated that he would update the March 18, 2024, punch list to document what items were completed, and add items that will need to be completed (seeding and straw near lift station, concrete residue removal by driveway). The updated list will also include documentation to indicate that the soil cement treatment on the driveway needs to be corrected and that any final completion documents will not be executed until the work is done to the Town's satisfaction.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned.




Betsy Sivell
Town Clerk


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