

Special Meeting
Davis City Council
October 7, 2022, 9:00 AM
Davis City Council Chambers
308 S 3rd St
Davis, OK 73030

Agenda Item #1: Call to order Davis City Council.

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Brian Davis. Time: 9 AM

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call.

- Mayor Brian Davis – present; Vice Mayor Stan Jones – present; Councilman Josh Oakley – absent; Councilman Clint Grinstead – present; Councilman Jeremy Bumgarner – present.

Agenda Item #3: Prayer.

- Prayer led by Ralph Coppenbarger, Jr.

Agenda Item #4: Pledge of Allegiance.

- Pledge led by Mayor Davis.

Agenda Item #5: Presentation of proposal regarding Occupied Crossing Mitigation Project which would mitigate excessive blockage of the Main Street railroad crossing and require the closure of one or more railroad crossings.

- Ricky Harness, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the options that had been presented, altered, withdrawn and what was left available to us by BNSF and ODOT for making application for funding to relieve the impact of the Main Street railroad crossing being blocked often for long periods of time. Also, he delivered the message to the council that he received from ODOT stating that there is no guarantee City of Davis will be the highest priority project in the future years this funding is made available. BNSF sees no physical changes to the track layout that would present other options to bring resolution as long as the current industry, located along the tracks, remains intact. Mayor Davis inquired about the City's ability to meet the requirements of up to \$1,000,000 cost participation in the project. Susan Suther, City Clerk/Treasurer confirmed that today the City of Davis can meet this obligation to cost participate up to the limit requested. Darrel Hudson, Murray County Commissioner stated he would support the decision made by the council in any way he can. He has already had a contractor review Hanover Road from Primrose to Hwy 7 and discuss the potential costs of the required upgrades should the truck traffic be diverted around this route. He intends to allocate funds to improve the county portion of Hanover Road down to Primrose regardless of the decision made and the outcome of the grant application. Audience member Jeremy Hoffman asked if there would be a walking bridge installed at Atlanta Avenue to allow students access to cross safely if that crossing is closed and removed. Harness stated that it was not in any of the proposals or discussions he has had with ODOT but it certainly could be considered if the Atlanta Avenue crossing is closed and removed. Further discussion was had regarding the cost of the improvements to Hanover Road to support the diverted truck traffic if the Hanover Road crossing is closed and removed or if it continues to be blocked. Grinstead stated that the decision to close Atlanta Avenue is being considered based on the school traffic, but at some point the school could need to increase it's footprint and without purchasing more of the residential area, it could even relocate from Atlanta Avenue completely. Discussion continued regarding the blockages now that close crossings at Atlanta Avenue and Main Street and require emergency vehicles to go all the around through Primrose and the dangers to the students who take that route. With the Main Street crossing open, the speeds traveled would be lower and the distance shorter making it a safer route for regular vehicles as well as emergency

vehicles. Mayor Davis clarified the requirements of the resolution is option one, closing Atlanta Avenue and McKee Industrial Road crossings. Grinstead inquired of the MAC Trailers representative if the McKee Industrial Road crossing being blocked by the train as it is now, or more frequently if Atlanta Avenue crossing is closed, would be a concern to their operations. He stated that it currently does not pose a problem for his facility, the trucks wait it out. He voiced greater concern about the truck traffic being routed through town and the current conditions of the roadways taking that route. It wasn't clear the statistical increase or impact this would have on roads, just that it would certainly be an increase to the route on Hwy 7 into Davis and Hanover Road South to Primrose to reach Hwy 77 out of Davis. Grinstead voiced concerns with the cost participation proposal of \$1,000,000 by City of Davis, making the McKee Industrial Road crossing a private crossing for MAC Trailers, then that crossing experiencing longer blocked times based on what BNSF and ODOT both stated in the September 28th meeting, trains are getting longer and blocked crossings will increase in frequency. With that increase, the truck traffic will be diverted to Hanover Road to reach Hwy 7 and we would have less available funding to allocate to Hanover Road improvements. Signal light placement and functionality was discussed in detail with additional lights placed at the appropriate intersections to address the traffic control issues closing one or more crossings could create. Bumgarner asked if the timeline for the project had been announced. Harness confirmed that the timeline for grant award has not been published but estimated the railroad work to not begin for 12-18 months after the award. Discussion of additional signage to route traffic leaving MAC Trailers North on Hanover Road to Hwy 7 through Davis providing the opportunity for that additional traffic to stop and purchase fuel or food before getting to the interstate as well as to help alleviate the traffic from South Hanover Road and Primrose Road. Brian McDaniel, Murray County Emergency Management, commented that there are ways to suggest routes for the different GPS and travel applications that drivers use to navigate their trips.

Agenda Item #6: Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution #617 Seeking Funding from US Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration through the Railroad Crossing Elimination discretionary grant program and Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

- Motion made by Davis to approve Resolution #617 Authorizing the Application of the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant and requiring the closure of the Atlanta Avenue railroad crossing and confirming that City of Davis does not have the jurisdiction on the ownership or maintenance of McKee Industrial Rd up to both BNSF's right of way lines. Second by Bumgarner. Vote: Bumgarner – yes; Grinstead – no; Oakley – absent; Jones – yes; Davis – yes.

Agenda Item #7: Consideration and possible action to approve City of Davis, Oklahoma Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

- Motion made by Bumgarner to approve the City of Davis, Oklahoma Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Second by Jones. Vote: Bumgarner – yes; Grinstead – yes; Oakley – absent; Jones – yes; Davis – yes.

Agenda Item #8: Adjourn.

- Motion to adjourn made by Bumgarner. Second by Jones. Vote: Bumgarner – yes; Grinstead – yes; Oakley – absent; Jones – yes; Davis – yes. Time: 10:08 PM

ATTEST:

/s/Susan Suther
Susan Suther
City Clerk/Treasurer

/s/Brian Davis
Brian Davis
Mayor