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## CITY OF PARIS, TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CITY HALL COURTROOM October 6, 2022 5:00 P.M.

# **Public Hearing**

## 1.) Ordinance to Enact 11-821 in the Paris Municipal Code Zoning Ordinance Table of Uses to allow Micro-Breweries (Second Reading)

Call to Order: Carlton Gerrell, City Mayor

Roll Call: Traci Shannon, Finance Director

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings: Regular Meeting – September 1, 2022

**Board Will Hear Comments from Citizens** 

Board Will Hear Comments from the Commission

Service Resolutions and Proclamations: None

## OLD BUSINESS

- 1.) Request to Divest of the Undeveloped ROW off of Ogburn Street: Jennifer Morris, Community Development Director
- 2.) Ordinance to Enact 11-821 in the Paris Municipal Code Zoning Ordinance Table of Uses to allow Micro-Breweries (Second Reading): Jennifer Morris, Community Development Director

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Financial Update: Traci Shannon, Finance Director
- 2.) Appointments to Boards: Carlton Gerrell, City Mayor
- 3.) Ordinance to Enact 11- 822 Standards for Residential Occupancy in Commercial Districts of the Paris Municipal Code (First Reading): Jennifer Morris, Community Development Director
- 4.) Resolution to Authorize the City of Paris to Participate in Public Entity Partners "Driver Training" Matching Grant Program: Kim Foster, City Manager
- 5.) Resolution to Authorize the City of Paris to Participate in Public Entity Partners "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program: Kim Foster, City Manager
- 6.) Resolution to Authorize the City of Paris to Participate in Public Entity Partners "Property Conservation" Matching Grant Program: Kim Foster, City Manager
- 7.) TDEC Water Infrastructure Investment Grant: Kim Foster, City Manager

Status of Various Projects

Notes from the City Manager

Adjournment

### OLD BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 Request to Divest of the Undeveloped Alley off of Ogburn Street

City Staff is currently working through the process of identifying undeveloped right of ways within the city and determining whether or not it is in the city's best interest to keep them or attempt to divest of them. During this process a resident living adjacent to an undeveloped ROW between Ogburn and Blanton streets expressed an interest in acquiring this ROW. Staff has determined that there are utilities in this ROW so Keenan Amendments would need to be attached but divesting of this undeveloped ROW would be in the City's best interest.

At the September meeting this item was referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. The Planning Commission recommends divesting of the undeveloped alley off of Ogburn street and attach the Keenan Amendments.



#### OLD BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 Ordinance to Enact 11-821 in the Paris Municipal Code Zoning Ordinance Table of Uses to allow Micro-Breweries (Second Reading):

Other communities in Tennessee, as well as here in our county, are experiencing the addition of micro-breweries and distilleries. In the past we have been approached by developers interested in possibly locating these establishments within the City of Paris. To date none have seen their plans to fruition. In order to attract these types of businesses, a growing segment in many communities, the Planning Commission has reviewed this and referred the attached ordinance amendment for your consideration.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1286

#### AN ORDINANCE to enact 11-821 of the Paris Municipal Code

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee, that 11-300, Table 1 be amended, 11-502C, 11-503C, 1-504C, 11-505C, 11-506C, 11-602B, 11-603B and 11-604B be amended; and the following be enacted as Title 11, Chapter 821 of the Paris Municipal Code:

- (1) That 11-300, Table 1 be amended to allow Micro-Breweries and Micro-Distilleries as a use by right in the M-1, M-2 and P-M Districts, and allowed as a special permit use in the B-1, B-2, B-3, P-B and SC-1 Districts;
- (2) That 11-502C, 11-503C, 1-504C, 11-505C, and 11-506C be amended to allow Micro-Breweries and Micro-Distilleries as a special permit use.
- (3) That 11-602B, 11-603B, and 11-604B be amended to allow Micro-Breweries and Micro-Distilleries as a use by right.
- (4) That the Following be enacted as Title 11, Chapter 821:

<u>11-821.</u> <u>Development Standards for Micro-Breweries and Micro-Distilleries.</u> The Board of Zoning Appeals may authorize the issuance of a special use permit for Micro-Breweries and Micro-Distilleries as indicated on Table 1 after first holding a public hearing as provided in this section and subject to the following additional standards.

- B. Development Standards for Micro-Breweries and Micro-Distilleries:
  - 1. Zoning Districts Micro-Breweries and Micro-Distilleries shall be allowed as a use by right in the M-1, M-2 and P-M Districts and as a conditional use in the B-1, B-2, B-3, P-B and SC-1 Districts.
  - 2. Parking Where no on-street parking is provided, the following parking requirements shall apply:

One (1) space per one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor

- 3. Development shall not generate traffic, parking, noise, vibrations, glare, fumes, odors or electrical interference beyond what normally occurs in the applicable zoning district.
- 4. The outside appearance shall maintain conformance with the general character of the district in which it is located.
- 5. No outdoor storage shall be permitted.
- 6. By-products or waste from the production of malt or distilled liquor shall be properly disposed of off the property.
- 7. All malt, or distilled liquor production shall be within completely enclosed structures.

8. If such facility includes distribution, it shall only be for small scale, regional distribution to limit the number of commercial trucks that come to and from the facility. Such facility must maintain property loading facilities.

#### C. <u>Submission of a Site Plan</u>

If required by the zoning district, a site plan meeting the requirements of 11-1101 et.seq. and any requirements applicable to the specific zoning district must be submitted to the appropriate governing body including but not limited to structures, parking, signage, drainage, landscaping and screening.

- D. <u>Final Approval and Certificate of Occupancy</u>. The following information must be submitted to the city manager or city manager's designee before final approval can be obtained and a certificate of occupancy can be issued:
  - 1. Certification by a registered engineer or surveyor as to the accuracy of the survey and placement of monuments where required.
  - 2. Certification by the Paris Board of Public Utilities that all public utilities and sewage disposal shall be available to the site, shall be capable of servicing the proposed use and that all required utilities have been provided in compliance with all local county and state standards and regulations.
  - 3. Certification that all buildings, structures, and other improvements to the land have been constructed and installed according to the site plan in compliance with all specifications of this section and the building codes.
  - 4. Certification that all applicable federal, state and municipal codes, including municipal fire, building and electrical codes are in compliance.
  - 5. Certification that all applicable federal, state and municipal codes for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages have been met.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect on and after its final passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted September 8, 2022.

Passed and adopted October 6, 2022.

Mayor

## NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NO.1 <u>Financial Update</u>

### Narrative to August 2022 Operating Statement

We started off the fiscal year with another increase in retail sales tax revenue. The month of July was up 9.96% compared to July of last year. Just as a reminder, last July we were up 5.87% compared to the previous year.

General Fund revenues were ahead of expenditures for the month of August, but they are behind fiscal year-to-date. Some of the larger expenses during the month included \$43K for the Johnson Park project and \$21K for Eiffel Tower Park sunshades. Street Dept expenses included \$61K for a mini-excavator and \$55K for a new crew cab truck. We also spent \$155K on the Wilson Street project.

We will see revenue steadily come in during September for the ESN 122 Fire Fees which were mailed August 31<sup>st</sup>. Those payments are due September 30<sup>th</sup>.

As a reminder, property taxes for the City of Paris will no longer be paid in our office. They will be paid at the Henry County Trustee's office. There will be one bill which will include the City and the County taxes that are payable. The 2022 tax notices should be mailed out around October 1<sup>st</sup> and due by the last day of February, 2023.

#### Other Business:

#### Personnel changes in August:

**New Employees (3):** Full-Time Dispatcher, Full-Time Firefighter, and Full-time Building Inspector

**Resignations (1):** Patrolman

#### We issued five business licenses in August:

**New Business (3):** GG's Picnic Basket, Ballard Custom Automotive, Lauren O'Neal Art

**Ownership Name Change (1):** Kilpatrick's Childcare

Business Name/Location Change (1): Jack's Java Urban Café

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	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Incr(Decr)
JULY	\$791,918	\$787,901	\$802,267	\$898,979	\$951,793	\$1,046,570	9.96%
AUGUST	\$775,581	\$790,533	\$799,378	\$843,541	\$895,516		
SEPTEMBER	\$812,873	\$774,425	\$797,992	\$888,921	\$965,256		
OCTOBER	\$777,777	\$761,812	\$761,453	\$873,733	\$974,047		
NOVEMBER	\$821,637	\$809,116	\$807,105	\$874,641	\$988,199		
DECEMBER	\$927,868	\$960,027	\$957,286	\$1,097,412	\$1,210,615		
JANUARY	\$689,391	\$665,013	\$713,906	\$844,826	\$839,389		
FEBRUARY	\$697,202	\$704,313	\$727,380	\$719,938	\$859,647		
MARCH	\$840,412	\$877,659	\$840,175	\$1,101,592	\$1,102,651		
APRIL	\$774,320	\$849,875	\$865,360	\$1,040,359	\$1,060,677		
MAY	\$840,600	\$863,697	\$949,140	\$1,005,346	\$1,105,515		
JUNE	\$849,365	\$873,145	\$966,861	\$1,013,926	\$1,125,455		
TOTAL	\$9,598,946	\$9,717,515	\$9,988,303	\$11,203,215	\$12,078,759	\$1,046,570	
Previous YTD %							
Increase/Decrease	1.66%	1.24%	2.79%	12.16%	7.82%	9.96%	

## MONTHLY OPERATING STATEMENT August 2022

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Current Month	Yr to Date	Percent Realized
Property Taxes	1,727,000	3,360	4,041	0.23%
Local Option Sales Tax	6,086,700	554,217	1,100,788	18.09%
Wholesale Liquor / Beer	875,000	84,264	179,018	20.46%
Business Tax	400,000	2,872	9,161	2.29%
Fees & Licenses	168,500	34,834	36,603	21.72%
In Lieu Payments	904,250	91,553	154,737	17.11%
Grants	1,036,430	81,426	81,426	7.86%
State Shared taxes	1,791,800	146,984	293,523	16.38%
All Other	1,615,948	636,846	853,371	52.81%
Federal ARPA Grant	1,491,875	0	0	0.00%
ARPA/TDEC-WII	500,000	0	0	0.00%
Total General Fund Revenue	16,597,503	1,636,355	2,712,666	16.34%
Solid Waste Collection - BPU	1,250,000	105,870	218,808	17.50%
Solid Waste Disposal - Transfer	400,000	42,424	82,394	20.60%
Other Revenue	25,400	24	25,275	99.51%
Total Sanitation	1,675,400	148,318	326,477	19.49%
Gate Receipts - Brush & Debris	140,000	9,744	25,547	18.25%
County Share Operating Exp	30,000	0	23,347	0.00%
Gate Receipts - Tires	10,000	4,685	5,590	55.90%
Other Revenue	91,450	398	35,611	38.94%
Total Landfill	271,450	14,827	66,748	24.59%
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Total Drug Fund	42,050	4,983	14,070	33.46%
TOTAL REVENUES	18,586,403	1,804,483	3,119,960	16.79%

EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget	Current Month	Yr to Date	Percent Realized
Grants & Donations	229,961	7,217	34,608	15.05%
General Administration	423,856	32,351	66,623	15.72%
Economic Development	178,474	13,618	27,680	15.51%
Elections	4,500	0	0	0.00%
Financial Administration	331,384	19,736	63,320	19.11%
City Hall Building	104,397	8,726	18,837	18.04%
Police Department	2,369,010	162,817	449,214	18.96%
Emergency Communications	748,932	55,213	112,911	15.08%
Fire Department	1,923,446	138,539	318,903	16.58%
Building Inspection	178,037	10,724	30,738	17.27%
Street Maintenance	1,772,747	270,331	473,527	26.71%
State Street Aid	1,683,000	3,728	3,728	0.22%
Storm Water Management	72,140	1,859	8,980	12.45%
Street Lighting	116,000	10,446	16,620	14.33%
City Garage	310,298	29,480	61,062	19.68%
Cemetery Maintenance	73,324	9,248	18,496	25.23%
Health & Animal Control	199,228	13,557	33,542	16.84%
Civic Center	692,100	54,469	126,272	18.24%
Parks & Recreation	1,111,601	165,245	314,901	28.33%
Library	183,430	0	30,572	16.67%
Community Development	1,376,700	208,781	283,623	20.60%
ARPA-SLFRF	1,000,000	37,562	136,162	13.62%
ARPA/TDEC-WII	500,000	3,996	7,950	1.59%
Debt Service	683,917	13,777	127,322	18.62%
General Fund Expenditures	16,266,482	1,271,420	2,765,589	17.00%
Sanitation Collection	1,566,797	69,489	383,058	24.45%
Contractual Services	661,500	76,412	138,212	
Total Sanitation	2,228,297	145,901	<b>521,270</b>	
		145,501	521,270	23.35/0
Total Landfill	215,404	20,416	66,835	31.03%
Total Drug Fund	75,300	784	834	1.11%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	18,785,483	1,438,521	3,354,528	17.86%

Current Month	Yr to Date
364,935	(52,924)
2,417	(194,793)
(5,589)	(87)
4,199	13,236
	364,935 2,417 (5,589)

## NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 Appointments of Boards

BOARD	CURRENT MEMBER	PROPOSED MEMBER	TERM EXPIRATION	NEW EXPIRATION
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	James Smith	Tas Smith	June 4, 2024	June 4, 2024
3 Year Term				
(Mayor w/Commission Approval)				

## NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 Ordinance to Enact 11-822 Standards for Residential Occupancy in Commercial Districts of the Paris Municipal Code (First Reading)

Currently the Zoning Ordinance includes a section dealing with residential use and occupancy in a commercial district. It addresses residential use in B-1, B-3, H-1, and P-B districts. At the previous Planning Commission meeting, the board approved the recommendation of allowing residential uses in industrial districts. Before you is an ordinance to allow residential occupancy in commercial districts with a Special Permit Use.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1287

AN ORDINANCE to Enact 11-821. of the Paris Municipal Code.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee, Title 11, Chapter 821 be enacted as follows:

- A. That 11-821. of the Paris Municipal Code be enacted by adding "Standards for Residential Occupancy in Commercial Districts" as a Special Permit Use in M-1, M-2, or P-M Districts:
  - C. Standards for Residential Occupancy of M-1, M-2, or P-M Districts as a Special Permit Use. The owner of manager of a business in the M-1, M-2, or P-M District shall be permitted to reside on the business premise under the

following conditions: (Ord. #<u>1287, \_\_/\_/2022</u>)

- 1. Approval is non-transferable. In the case of a lease, permission runs the duration of the lease. The business will need to be in operation for individuals to reside in building.
- 2. Space may not be leased or utilized by anyone other than being directly employed by the industry or institution for which approval was given and immediate family.
- 3. Residential occupancy of part or all of an existing non-residential building shall be permitted subject to all federal, state and local requirements including local fire and building codes.
- 4. No more than 30% may be used as residential.
- 5. The exterior of the premises shall retain its commercial or institutional appearance and no accessory buildings or activities normally associated with residential occupancy such as: playground equipment, swimming pools, outdoor grills, outdoor lawn furniture, or other such appurtenances shall be allowed.
- 6. Additional parking is not required provided that the existing or proposed parking meets the parking requirements for the specific use found in Title 11, Chapter 10 of the Paris Zoning Ordinance.
- 7. The proposed use of the property conforms with the permitted uses, area, and bulk regulations for the district where the property is located, as indicated in Table 1 and Table 2.
- 8. To safeguard the health and safety of the occupants of this accessory use, inspections by the City Manager or City Manager's designee shall be made as necessary to determine the condition of such facilities. The City Manager or the City Manager's designee shall also have the power to enter at reasonable times upon any private or public property for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the enforcement of this section.
- 9. If such facilities are present or proposed in or upon an existing business or industry, there shall be provided along the entire side lot lines and rear lot lines a wall or fence as provided in 11-1201 to protect any abutting residential property.
- 10. All public utilities and sewage disposal shall be available to the site and shall be approved by the Paris Board of Public Utilities.
- 11. The Board of Zoning Appeals may also attach other conditions on the use of the structure or site which will be necessary to carry out the intent of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 12. Parking spaces will need to be addressed for industries/businesses who have different shifts to maintain adequate parking for the ones who live on the premises.

(Ord. #<u>1287, \_\_\_\_\_/ 2022</u>).

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect on and after final passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted October 6, 2022.

Passed and adopted \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor

#### NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 <u>Resolution to Authorize the City of Paris to Participate in Public Entity Partners "Driver</u> <u>Training" Matching Grant Program</u>

As in years past, Public Entity Partners is again offering their "Driver Training" matching grant program to eligible members. This is a 50/50 grant with a value this year of \$4,000. With your approval the Paris Fire Department will be submitting an application.

Staff requests the following resolution be passed allowing the City to participate in this program and pledging the required match of \$4,000.

Resolution No. 1670

A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Paris, Tennessee To Participate In Public Entity Partner's "Driver Training" Matching Grant Program

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the employees of the City of Paris is of the greatest importance; and

WHEREAS, all efforts shall be made to provide a safe and hazard-free workplace for the City of Paris employees; and

WHEREAS, Public Entity Partners seeks to encourage the establishment of a safe workplace by offering a "Driver Training" Matching Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paris now seeks to participate in this important program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee the following:

SECTION 1. That the City of Paris is hereby authorized to submit application for a "Driver Training" Matching Grant Program through Public Entity Partners.

SECTION 2. That the City of Paris is further authorized to provide a matching sum to serve as a match for any monies provided by this grant.

Resolved this 6th day of October in the year 2022.

Mayor

### NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 <u>Resolution to Authorize the City of Paris to Participate in Public Entity Partners "Safety</u> <u>Partners" Matching Grant Program</u>

As in years past, Public Entity Partners is again offering their "Safety Partners" matching grant program to eligible members. This is a 50/50 grant with a value this year of \$3,000. The Paris Police Department submitted an application this year and was approved on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Staff requests the following resolution be passed allowing the City to participate in this program and pledge the required match of \$3,000.

Resolution No. 1671

A Resolution Authorizing the City of Paris, Tennessee To Participate In Public Entity Partner's "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the employees and citizens of the City of Paris are of the greatest importance; and,

WHEREAS, all efforts shall be made to provide a safe and hazard-free workplace for the City of Paris employees; and,

WHEREAS, Public Entity Partners seeks to encourage the establishment of a safe workplace by offering a "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Paris now seeks to participate in this important program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee the following:

Section 1. That the City of Paris is hereby authorized to submit application for a "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program, through Public Entity Partners.

Section 2. That the City of Paris is further authorized to provide a matching sum to serve as a match for any monies provided by this grant.

Resolved this 6th day of October 2022.

Mayor

#### NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 <u>Resolution to Authorize the City of Paris to Participate in Public Entity Partners "Property</u> Conservation" Matching Grant Program

As in years past, Public Entity Partners is again offering their "Property Conservation" matching grant program to eligible members. This is a 50/50 grant with a value this year of \$2,500. With your approval the Paris Public Works Department will be submitting an application this year.

Staff requests the following resolution be passed allowing the City to participate in this program and pledge the required match of \$2,500.

Resolution No. 1672

A Resolution Authorizing the City of Paris, Tennessee To Participate In Public Entity Partner's "Property Conservation" Matching Grant Program

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the employees and citizens of the City of Paris are of the greatest importance; and,

WHEREAS, all efforts shall be made to provide a safe and hazard-free workplace for the City of Paris employees; and,

WHEREAS, Public Entity Partners seeks to encourage the establishment of a safe workplace by offering a "Property Conservation" Matching Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Paris now seeks to participate in this important program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee the following:

Section 1. That the City of Paris is hereby authorized to submit application for a "Property Conservation" Matching Grant Program, through Public Entity Partners.

Section 2. That the City of Paris is further authorized to provide a matching sum to serve as a match for any monies provided by this grant.

Resolved this 6th day of October 2022.

Mayor

#### NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 TDEC Water Infrastructure Investment Grant

The deadline for filing the appropriate application to TDEC for receipt of allocated ARPA funds specifically designated for stormwater improvements is November 1. Our consultant, TLM, has informed me that the application requires clarification by the applicant as to who at the city will have the authority to sign required documents throughout the life of the grant if not the mayor. Since there will be numerous documents, some of which will be time sensitive, staff suggests you consider granting the City Manager and the Community Development Director the authority to sign any necessary documents.

Additionally, staff requests the mayor be given authority to sign a letter giving TLM Associates the authority to submit our application on our behalf.

## STATUS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS October 2022

	PRIMARY STAFF	TARGET COMPLETION DATE(S)	
HOME Grant	Morris/Foster	2024	The winning bidder on the first two homes to be rebuilt is Steve Green. Both bids have been approved by THDA & the grant admin. is working on the contracts. He is hoping to meet jointly with the homeowners and Mr. Green this week.
Back Alley Paris	Foster/Morris/ Ray (DA)	June 2023	We have been awarded \$3,300 this year! As in years past, there is a 50% required match. We have already received 40% of the award. Dan Knowles is currently doing research on the $2^{nd}$ 100 yrs of Pairs/HC history which will be the subject of this project.
TA Grant for Sidewalks along Wilson & Patriot	Foster/Morris	Fall 2022	Martin Paving was granted a 19 day extension to their contract based on delays experienced due to weather and difficulty with supplies and labor. Martin Paving has notified us that the project is "substantially complete" and there will be a final walk through this week or next. We are aware of some concrete in a driveway that cracked and is scheduled to be replaced mid-October.
2018 STBG Project for Signalization & Safety Upgrades at 3 Intersections Downtown	Foster/Morris	Fall 2024	Preliminary plans are still under review at TDOT. Work continues on preliminary ROW plans.
Rison St Bridge Replacement	Foster/Morris	Summer 2024	We are still awaiting a couple of agency responses before being able to submit the NEPA documentation.
2020 Multimodal Access Grant for 4 Downtown Intersections	Foster/ Morris	Fall 2024	NTP to Design has been received! Work continues on updating quantities so as to update the budget to be completed once preliminary plans are finalized. Preliminary plans undergoing in house review. Anticipate submittal to TDOT in early October. Early utility coordination continues.
2021 Multimodal Access Grant for Tyson/M.W. Intersection Upgrades & Sidewalk	Foster/Morris	Fall 2025	Field verification of survey is completed, and final survey has been received. Work on NEPA phase documentation continues. Anticipate submittal of LP Agency Coordination and Section 106 Assessment documents to TDOT in October. Work has begun on preliminary layout.
2021 TA Grant for Sidewalk Project along Fairgrounds & Royal Oak	Foster	Winter of 2025 (if awarded)	We are still waiting on award announcements which we expected to have been communicated by now.
TDEC Water Infrastructure Improvement (WII) Grant	Foster	Spring 2026	Mapping is 75% complete. Work on hydraulic analysis has begun with development of individual drainage basins.
Downtown Improvement Grant	Morris/Crouch/Foster	Fall 2024	Seven projects have been completed! One more is almost complete, and two are waiting for the contractor who is working on another grant project. We executed two contracts this past week. We have three projects that still need to get contracts executed.
Municipal Facilities Study	Foster	Spring 2023	Facility evaluations are ongoing.

## Notes from the City Manager:

- As a follow-up from last month regarding bidding trucks... bids were as expected and within budget in some cases! We actually got one truck UNDER the new state contract price (not all state pricing for the new year has been released yet).
- We are still having difficulty getting materials and parts. Lately, we can't seem to get concrete.
- Last month I reported that Building Inspector Jesse Skidmore had already received 2 of his 6 required B. I. certifications. He now has 3 of them, and he and Caleb Murnane have both been granted Level I Stormwater certification! I feel REALLY GOOD about the direction we are moving in as it relates to our building inspection goals. Jesse has made huge improvements in the efficiency of the Building and Codes Dept. He is extremely motivated and organized. He is also addressing issues with contractors that should have been addressed a long time ago, but also realizes that not everything can be fixed overnight. His thoughtful and cooperative approach seems to be well received by the construction community.

As for stormwater, I feel REALLY GOOD about the direction we're moving in with it as well. Jennifer took ownership of getting our annual stormwater report completed this year and it has been submitted. As I mentioned, Jesse and Caleb have both gotten their Level I Stormwater certification. We are dividing up the stormwater responsibilities with the majority of them moving to Public Works under Caleb's oversight and he is anxious to put what he has learned into practice. We will continue to tweak our processes and are beginning to meet as a stormwater team. Our GIS project has kicked off and OHM has gotten our Esri account established. We are rocking and rolling!

• We will have a ribbon cutting at Johnson Park to celebrate the new basketball courts on **Monday**, **Oct. 10 at 5:00 p.m.** Commissioner Tharpe has agreed to give a short presentation on the history behind Mordecai Johnson, a Paris native and the first African American president of Howard University, for whom the park is named.