

Pawnee City Council action clearing way for street project

**(KLZA)-- Following a lengthy discussion during the April 23rd meeting of the Pawnee City Council, an ordinance was approved to allow “paving districts” to be created so financing can be set up to pay for the planned street improvement project.**

**Brad Slaughter with JEO Engineers suggested via phone, the Council approve the ordinance.**

**Much of the discussion focused on the definition of a “paving district,” designated streets in each of the three paving districts and if some streets could be moved to other districts or if it were possible to create additional districts.**

**Council member Ric Helms said he felt the ordinance was not correct based on the street improvement meetings he attended.**

**The Council learned that once the districts are approved, they cannot be changed.**

**Mayor Charlie Hatfield said the ordinance should be passed so the City could move forward with the project and take bids to see if the City can afford the project.**

**Following discussion, the Council unanimously approved the ordinance which creates three street improvement districts and authorizes construction of street improvements.**

**Once approved, the Council then voted unanimously to suspend the three readings of the ordinance making it official.**

**A public hearing is scheduled for May 29th at 7:05 p.m., to hear comments on the creation of the Street Improvement Districts.**

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