

Town OKs first of several road projects
Walkertown council considering work on private streets

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WALKERTOWN

The town council decided last week to repave soon several streets.

And some people who live on Chris Drive and Jackie Lane - two streets in bad condition - may be closer to learning whether the town will take their streets into the town system for maintenance.

The council awarded a contract last Thursday to Yadkin Valley Paving Inc. for repaving part of Jones Road and all of Depot, Leight and Snider streets, at a cost of \$61,732. Yadkin Valley was the lowest of three companies that submitted bids on the project.

The town had asked companies to bid on paving 800 feet of Jones Road plus another 800 feet as an option, but town officials said that the winning bid came in low enough that even more of the street could be covered by the work.

Meanwhile, the town worked up estimates on how much it would take to improve Chris Drive and Jackie Lane, which are private roads, so that they can be taken into the town system for maintenance. The streets are partly inside the town limits.

The town has a policy that calls for the town to pay 50 percent of the cost to improve a private road that is brought into the town system. The town can pay an additional 25 percent in special cases. The town doesn't pay any costs to improve the part of the road outside the town limits.

Council members learned that it would take \$7,250 for the improvements, which would consist of patching. The town would contribute up to \$5,256 for the project, and property owners would pay the remaining \$2,000.

The projects approved are the first in a series of road improvements the town hopes to make over the coming months.

The town soon will check on the status of two other private streets - Ola Lane and Sitka Road - that may come into the town system for maintenance. Another street, Melvin Lane, is on the state system but apparently not high enough in priority for paving.

In other business, the council discussed a new housing development, "The Haven at Hanley Park," proposed for the end of Swain Lane and Rocklane Drive.

The development would have 30 single-family lots and 16 apartment or condo units. Forsyth County officials are considering the matter because it is not within the town limits of Walkertown.

The council decided to enter into a deal with the N.C. Department of Transportation to design a railroad crossing device at the Leight Street crossing and possibly install the system later. The estimated cost to the town was \$15,000.

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