

# Paving project awarded, work beginning

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Several heavily traveled Clinton streets will soon begin to see much needed improvements to pavement and lane markings. During their June 18 meeting, the Board of Aldermen voted to accept the bid of over \$1,000,000 for the 2019 Striping and Paving project to Superior Asphalt.

Included in the 2019 paving list is Lakeview Drive, College Street and Arlington Street, as well as several other streets. Plans were to begin milling, paving and striping the roads in late June, and the project is expected to be completed within the contractually mandated period. In all, a little over 6.4 miles of streets are included in the plan.

This year's paving budget is a continued commitment-

ment to paving streets and repairing roadways in the city. In all, around \$3 million will be spent this year to improve roads and roadbeds throughout the city.

"A competent street paving program requires an expenditure of \$1,200,000 per year," said Clinton Mayor Phil Fisher. "This amount paves ten percent of the streets every ten years (the life expectancy of a street). From 2016 to 2019, Clinton has paved over thirty-four miles of streets, which accounts for almost a quarter of roads in the city."

"Due to the commitment of City leader-

ship," continued Fisher, "the paving budget has recovered to just over \$1,000,000 from no paving funds in 2012. The City will continue to add \$100,000 new dollars per budget until this term ends in 2021 to bring the paving budget up to expected maintenance needs."

According to Fisher, streets were graded and prioritized based on need for paving or striping. Fisher noted that the striping and paving project is "well overdue."

To view a list of streets included in the 2019 paving plan and the street rating list, visit the City website at

[www.clintonms.org/paving](http://www.clintonms.org/paving).

In other projects, the City of Clinton has acquired the necessary easements along Magnolia Road to proceed with reconstruction and paving. Residents along Magnolia Road eagerly worked with City officials to grant easements for the project. One property that was owned by an out-of-state bank was the lone holdout in the granting of right-of-way easements for reconstruction.

Easements along Magnolia Road were necessary in order to widen the road to meet current standards. Following over a year of negotiations, the City was granted the last easement from the bank in mid-June. The project has been delivered to the State for approval, and bids should be let in late summer.



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