

City's street paving program delayed

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After being focused primarily on the downtown area for the past several years, the city of Sulphur Springs will pay more attention on dips, bumps and potholes in city streets in the coming year.

In talking about the city's budget for the next year, City Manager Marc Maxwell said much more attention would be paid to the city's thoroughfares.

Before the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year, the city plans to begin the annual summer street program that, due to contractor schedules, may be a "fall paving program," according to Maxwell.

Contracts were awarded in June for the paving program that will cost the city \$119,800. The contract was awarded to Richard Drake Construction.

Paving materials for the program will cost an additional \$794,000.

Maxwell identified the streets that will be resurfaced this year.

Those streets include League Street from Main to Industrial, along with Russell Drive, Live Oak Street, Fuller Street, North Davis Street, Morris Drive, Hinnant Street, Kendall Lane, Tomlinson Street and Vonda Drive.

The streets will receive an overlay, a new surface of plant-mix asphalt, that will result in a very smooth driving surface.

In the mean time, city crews will continue to stay busy trying to keep up with patching holes in the streets while they wait for the contractor to begin the paving program.