

# Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2013 5:30 pm., in the Birch Room, City Hall  
Members Present: Abitz, Kellbach, Keene, Mielke  
Members excused: Nutting  
Others Present: T. Alfonso, K. Schildt

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Abitz at 5:30 pm.

## **1) Minutes of the Prior Meeting(s) – (11/15/2012)**

Motion by Kellbach, second by Mielke to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Motion approved 3-0.

## **(2) Discuss and possible action regarding a change in the time limited parking of tow parking stalls on the south side of Jefferson Street just east of N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Mielke explained he has observed this area while the buses are trying to make the turn and it is a very tight spot. Buses have to take a very wide turn and when vehicles are in the parking spots it is very difficult for them to do. Kellbach explained she too has observed the location and believes that these spots need to be removed as parking stalls. Both said they observed the area multiple times and there was no snow or bad weather, they can only assume it is even harder when the weather conditions get worse. Abitz explained that Attorney Levitt-Jones was against this indicating her business would be affected by the removal of the parking stalls. After discussion it was determined that the committee would discuss next month installing two 15 minute parking stalls on the north side of the street to assist with the attorneys concerns.

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to eliminate the two parking stalls located on the south side of Jefferson Street just east of N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion approved 4-0.

## **(3) Discuss only, left turn arrow at S. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and W. Thomas Street**

Schildt read email from Wesolowski, "Left turn arrow was eliminated when the new bridge across the river was constructed on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Do not recommend going back to a left turn lane, would create another phase in the timing and create more delays and backups. He spoke with Kolbe & Kolbe, they are ok with the current arrangement with no turn signal, they do have some delays in making the left turn but not to the point they feel the need for a left hand turn signal." Schildt read email from Lt. Bliven, "I second Allen's points or at least agree with what he said"

Abitz explained this came from an email she received from Lisa Rasmussen.

Consensus of the committee was to take no further action on this intersection.

## **(4) Discussion only regarding no parking on one side of Weston Avenue**

The committee determined there was not enough support at this time from residents in the area to show a need for any change. After reviewing the recommendation of City staff they agreed that there are narrow roads throughout Wausau and that there may be times when drivers need to pull over to let another vehicle pass through a street. Since neither individual showed to the meeting who asked to have this on the agenda no further discussion was had.

## **(5) Future agenda items**

\* Placing two 15 minute parking stalls on the north side of Jefferson Street just east of N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **(6) Next Scheduled Meeting: February 21, 2013**

Adjourn

Motion by Mielke, second by Winters to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Parking and Traffic Committee  
Sherry Abitz, Chair