

**Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 5:15pm, in the Birch Room at City Hall  
Members Present: Abitz{C}, Mielke, Kellbach, Nutting, (Winters absent)  
Others Present: Lt. Graham, Tara Alfonso, Allen Wesolowski, Jennifer Friday

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 5:20 pm.

**(1) Minutes of the Prior Meeting – 10/15/2015**

Motion by Kellbach, second by Mielke, to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2015 meeting.

Motion carried 4-0.

**(2) Discussion and possible action: To prohibit parking on the north and south side of the 500 block of E Wausau Avenue**

Discussion:

Lt. Graham stated that this area was already posted as “No Parking” however it was not listed in the ordinance as such. Lt Graham requested that the committee vote to include it in the ordinance.

Motion by Kellbach, second by Mielke, to prohibit parking on the north and south side of the 500 block of E Wausau Avenue.

Motion carried 4-0

**(3) Discussion and possible action: Pedestrian crossing and traffic concerns on Pine Ridge Boulevard including, but not limited to:**

**1. Response from Aspirus regarding push button estimate for pedestrian crossing on Pine Ridge Boulevard**

Discussion:

Abitz stated that she contacted Aspirus but received no response. No one from Aspirus present at the meeting. No action taken.

**(4) Discussion and possible action: To restrict parking on the south side of the 400 block of Grant Street to 15 minute parking, which would be enforced Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

Discussion:

Lt. Graham stated that this area was already posted as “15 minute parking” however it was not listed in the ordinance as such. Lt Graham requested that the committee vote to include it in the ordinance.

Motion by Kellbach, second by Mielke, to restrict parking on the south side of the 400 block of Grant Street to 15 minute parking, which would be enforced Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Motion carried 4-0

**(5) Discussion and possible action: To prohibit parking on the north side of the 400 block of Grant Street**

Discussion:

Lt. Graham stated that this area was already posted as "No Parking" however it was not listed in the ordinance as such. Lt Graham requested that the committee vote to include it in the ordinance.

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach, to prohibit parking on the north side of the 400 block of Grant Street.

Motion carried 4-0

**(6) Discussion and possible action: To prohibit parking on the west side of the 2100 block of Zimmerman Street**

Discussion:

Lt. Graham requested that this agenda item be postponed until the next meeting because residents of this area were not properly notified of this meeting.

The committee agreed to postpone the item until the next meeting.

**(7) Discussion and possible action: To prohibit parking at the intersection of E. Thomas Street and Prospect Avenue as follows:**

- 1. No parking here to corner on west side of Prospect Avenue 49 feet north of E Thomas Street**
- 2. No parking here back to corner on the north side of E Thomas Street 68 feet west of Prospect Avenue**
- 3. No parking here to corner on the south side of E Thomas Street 84 feet west of Prospect Avenue**

Discussion:

Lt. Graham stated that this agenda item is a follow-up to the previous meeting where resident Anne Heidemann expressed safety concerns about large trucks traveling through this intersection. Lt. Graham said he met with Heidemann at the intersection and agrees that there are safety concerns when trucks are trying to turn at this intersection. Trucks have difficulty navigating the turns without entering into oncoming lanes of traffic.

Abitz expressed concern about how prohibiting parking would affect the residents. Lt. Graham said that letters were sent to the residents about this meeting but he did not receive any responses and no residents attended the meeting.

Motion by Mielke, second by Kellbach to prohibit parking at the intersection of E. Thomas Street and Prospect Avenue as follows:

1. No parking here to corner on west side of Prospect Avenue 49 feet north of E Thomas Street
2. No parking here back to corner on the north side of E Thomas Street 68 feet west of Prospect Avenue
3. No parking here to corner on the south side of E Thomas Street 84 feet west of Prospect Avenue

Motion carried 4-0

**(8) Discussion: Pavement markings and bicycle lanes on Stewart Avenue**

Discussion:

Wesolowski stated that he brought this item forth to remind committee members that the DOT will be replacing the pavement on Stewart Avenue (Highway 52) next summer and they will be striping designated bike lanes on both sides of Stewart Avenue. He said that the Parking and Traffic Committee, at the April 2011 meeting, had previously voted to approve designated bicycle lanes down both sides of Stewart Avenue and remove parking along the north side of Stewart Avenue.

Abitz and Mielke expressed concerns about eliminating parking in the residential areas of Stewart Avenue. Wesolowski cautioned the committee that the DOT does not allow parking on its' highways unless it is paid for by the municipality. The City may have to bear the cost of paving and striping the parking spaces if the committee wishes to keep the parking spaces.

The committee decided to direct Staff to determine the number of cars actually utilizing the parking on Stewart Avenue. Alfonzo suggested a joint meeting with CISM in December so that decisions could be made more quickly. Committee members agreed that they will meet briefly before the next CISM meeting and then attend the CISM meeting to discuss this issue. Lt. Graham stated that affected residents and the PED committee will also be notified of the meeting.

**(9) Future Agenda Items**

Agenda item #6 from this agenda

Agenda item #8 from this agenda

**(10) Communications:**

Mielke indicated that he would like to re-visit the new odd/even year round overnight parking ordinance in the spring

**(11) Adjournment:**

Motion by Mielke, second by Nutting, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.