



Minutes
Committee #3
Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic

Committee #3 met on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 5:15 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Committee Members present: Paul Olson, CW King, and Robert Hoekstra

Council Members present: Mayor Hoffman, Rob Kiefer, and John Monarski.

Others present: Police Chief Matt Kelm, City Planner/Transit Manager Brad Hentschel, Assistant City Engineer Bill McElroy, Director of Chippewa Falls Main Street Teri Ouimette, Steve Harmon, and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

1. Discuss parking concerns in the downtown area. Possible recommendations to Council.

Steve Harmon appeared on behalf of his tenants to express concerns with parking in the downtown area. Mr. Harmon owns three properties and has a renter that is considering not renewing his lease as he feels there is inadequate parking for customers. Following discussion, it was determined that it is primarily employees of the downtown businesses that are utilizing the on-street parking. Different options to address the concerns were discussed including raising fees, changing hours of enforcement, and working with businesses to have their employees use parking lots as opposed to parking on the street.

City Planner Hentschel and Director of Chippewa Falls Main Street Ouimette will plan to visit some of the downtown businesses to explain what an issue parking has become. Additionally it will be placed on a future agenda to address clearing out trees and improving lighting in the Market Lot, as well as bettering the pedestrian crossing on Rushman Drive.

No action taken.

2. Discuss concerns regarding feral cats in the City. Possible recommendations to Council.

Councilor Hoekstra indicated he has received calls recently regarding feral cats in the City. Chief Kelm advised that this is a sporadic issue. As the City does not have an animal control officer, it is recommended that property owners trap the cats and transport them to the Chippewa County Humane Association. The Humane Association will take the cats from City residents with a case number which can be obtained by contacting the Police Department. Live traps are available through the Humane Association.

No action taken.

3. Adjournment

Motion by Hoekstra/King to adjourn at 5:46 pm. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:
Paul Olson, Chair