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

Committee #3 met Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Council/Committee Members present: Mike Hanke, Paul Olson, Amy Mason, Bill Hicks, George Adrian, Mayor Hoffman.
Others present: Police Chief Wendy Stelter; Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer; City Planner/Transit Manager Jayson Smith; Assistant City Engineer Matt Decur; Kurt Nelson, Sherry Petrich and David Chapman of Chippewa Yellow Bus Company; and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. **Discuss appeal of Michael Ruf to place an outdoor wood stove at his residence located at 638 Old Eau Claire Rd. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   Motion by Mason/Olson to postpone this item to the end of the meeting as Mr. Ruf was not present. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

2. **Discuss school bus parking on residential streets in the City. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   This agenda item was predicated upon complaints received throughout the City of buses parking on residential streets. Kurt Nelson of Chippewa Yellow Bus Company explained their process and that often times, buses are only parking on the streets between routes. He further indicated if he is made aware of complaints, he will work with the driver to address them. The Committee agreed that ideally it should be handled on a employer/employee basis, but if complaints continue, the ordinance may have to be revisited.

   No action taken.

3. **Discuss dog feces issue on Westwood Drive and throughout the City of Chippewa Falls. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   Mayor Hoffman advised the Committee that the Happy Tails Dog Park Board is willing to contribute up to $1,000 to offset the costs of signage and potentially bag dispensers in problem areas in the City. The Committee thought the water tower area near the school could be used as a pilot to gauge effectiveness.

   Motion by Mason/Olson to recommend the Council approve placement of a sign prohibiting dog feces which will be affixed to a metal sign post; installed in accordance with Street Department priorities, but prior to frost; with the cost of the sign to be funded by donations from Tom Joas and/or Happy Tails Dog Park. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

4. **Discuss temporary extension of parking previously granted for the Spring Street Parking Lot based upon SEH Construction. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   This item was originally discussed when the construction of SEH commenced. It would appear there is still a need for eight-hour parking.

Motion by Olson/Mason to recommend Council extend the eight-hour parking in the Spring Street Parking Lot until November 1, 2014. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

5. **Discuss extension of hours for parking in the lot on the corner of Spring Street and Rushman Drive and the lots bounded by Columbia, Bridge, Grand, and Bay Streets. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   Mayor Hoffman has received calls from local businesses expressing concern with parking on days the Farmers Market is in operation. City Planner Smith shared that the City will soon be accepting proposals for the demolition specifications for the house on the corner of Island and Spring Street which is anticipated to become an eight-hour lot. Two additional lots will also be completed next spring. Smith advised that the Chieftain Lot is currently unpaved, but is available for use.

   Motion by Mason/Olson to recommend Council extend the hours for parking in the lot on the corner of Spring Street and Rushman Drive and the lots bounded by Columbia, Bridge, Grand, and Bay Streets to eight hours. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

6. **Discuss the possibility of expanding Shared Ride services outside of the limits of the City of Chippewa Falls. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   Mayor Hoffman has had a discussion with Hallie regarding the Shared Ride Program. They are interested, but don't understand the background work involved. It was suggested if we proceeded with a joint program with Hallie that an ad-hoc committee be created.

   Transit Manager Smith advised the Committee of his contact at the Regional Planning Commission who is charged with conducting planning studies. The proposed expansion may be an item she could work in to her program to determine feasibility.

   Smith again advised that any expansion would result in additional vehicles needing to be purchased, additional drivers, increased administrative costs, etc. Funding for the vehicles is difficult to obtain as we are competing with larger urban areas for the same funding.

   Smith will talk to his contact at the Regional Plan Commission and discuss having this item added to the work program for next year.

   No action taken.

7. **Discuss signage for the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls on Park Avenue. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   George Adrian advised that the Recreation Committee of the Wisconsin Veterans Home would like to place a few wayfinding signs in the City. The Recreation Committee will pay for the costs of the signs, and the City Street Department would install them.

   Motion by Mason/Olson to recommend approval of the placement of signage for the Wisconsin Veterans Home with the cost of the signs to be funded by the Recreation Committee and the signs to be placed by the Street Department in locations to be identified by the Recreation Committee. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

1. **Discuss appeal of Michael Ruf to place an outdoor wood stove at his residence located at 638 Old Eau Claire Rd. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   Mr. Ruf did not attend the meeting.

   No action taken.

8. **Adjournment**

Motion by Mason/Olson to adjourn at 7:22 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by:
Mike Hanke, Chair

Michael Ruf
638 OLD Eau Claire Rd.
Chippewa Falls

ordinance is no outdoor wood stove's but living in the rual area of the city limits I would like a permit to have a outdoor wood stove to heat my home.

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7.11 *OPERATION OF BUSES.*

(1)

OPERATION OF BUSES. (Rn. #97-40) Buses shall take on and deliver all passengers at the curbs as close to the curb as possible and at least 5 feet distant from the nearest crosswalk. No operator of a bus shall stop the same on any street for longer than is necessary to take on and discharge passengers or to comply with traffic laws except at the bus depot.

(2)

OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUS WARNING LIGHTS. (Cr. #90-21; Rn. #97-40) School buses which are loading or unloading pupils or other authorized passengers directly onto a school grounds shall be prohibited from the use of flashing red warning lights at Holy Ghost School and McDonell High School.

(3)

All school buses shall use both flashing red warning lights and extended stop sign when picking up or discharging students, except as provided in subsection (2) above, and except in designated school loading zones. (Rn. #97-40)

That the above subsection should not apply to either side of State Street from the corner with East Grand Avenue south a distance of 330 feet. (Cr. 95-34; Am. 95-42)

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Committee #3 met Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Council/Committee Members present: Mike Hanke, Bill Hicks, Jane Lardahl, George Adrian, and Mayor Hoffman.
Others present: Fire Chief Tom Larson, Police Chief Wendy Stelter, Street and Utility Manager Rick Ruf, Parking Enforcement Officer Jean Bernier, and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

Motion by Lardahl/Hicks to amend the agenda to address Item #6 first. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

6. **Discuss and consider extending hours of limited parking in the Spring Street and Family Dollar Parking Lots (currently two hours). Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   Councilor Hanke advised that with the construction of SEH, there have been issues with parking on Spring Street. Discussion ensued regarding changing the limited parking hours in the Spring Street (between LeRoy's and the Village Tavern) and Family Dollar parking lots.

   Motion by Hicks/Lardahl to recommend Council temporarily extend parking in the Spring Street lot from two hours to eight hours until April 1, 2014 at which time it would be reconsidered by Committee #3. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

1. **Discuss and consider the new State of Wisconsin – Department of Military Affairs - Wisconsin Emergency Management contract for Hazardous Materials Response for the Chippewa Falls Fire & Emergency Services Department. Possible recommendations to the Council.**

   Chief Larson provided details regarding the Wisconsin Emergency Management Contract indicating that the State of Wisconsin has moved to a task force concept. The City of Chippewa Falls would partner with the City of Eau Claire to be one of the only two elite teams responsible for the Northwest area. Chief Larson further advised that all costs associated with this program are fully reimbursed – it is completely cost neutral to the City.

   Motion by Lardahl/Hicks to recommend approval of the State of Wisconsin – Department of Military Affairs - Wisconsin Emergency Management contract for Hazardous Materials Response for the Chippewa Falls Fire & Emergency Services Department and authorize the appropriate City Officials to sign such contract. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Motion by Hicks/Lardahl to amend the agenda to address Item #3 at this time. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS DOWNTOWN PARKING MAP

PUBLIC PARKING
1 - HOUR PARKING LIMIT ON BRIDGE STREET
2 - HOUR PARKING LIMIT ON SIDE STREETS (DOWNTOWN ONLY)
2 - HOUR PARKING LIMIT ON CITY LOTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED