



Minutes
Committee #3

Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic

Committee #3 met Monday, December 1, 2014 at 4:45 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Council/Committee Members present: Mike Hanke, Amy Mason, Paul Olson, Mayor Hoffman.
Others present: Police Chief Wendy Stelter, Fire Chief Mike Hepfler, and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

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

Clerk Givens advised she received a phone call from Kurt Nelson from Chippewa Yellow Bus indicating he was cleaning up after a minor accident and would not be able to make the meeting.

This item was previously discussed in a meeting on July 21, 2014 at which time it was agreed that the issue should be handled on an employer/employee basis. As complaints have persisted, the Committee brought this item back for additional consideration. Discussion ensued regarding the safety of vehicles of this type parking on residential streets, cosmetic concerns, and enforcement issues based upon our current ordinance.

Motion by Mason/Hanke to table this item until such time as Attorney Ferg can review and draft an ordinance or amend current ordinances to address the issue. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

2. Discuss issue of cigarette butts and broken glass in the parking lots on Spring Street. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Police Chief Stelter has assigned an officer to address this concern directly with the tavern owner. Since this item was brought forward, roughly six open container citations have been issued. It was questioned if complaints of this type come in from any other establishments in the City, and it appears this is an isolated issue with this particular tavern. The Committee suggested the Police Department continue to issue citations for open containers, and hopefully this will help correct the issue. Chief Stelter will provide periodic status updates to the Committee.

No action taken.

3. Discuss what neighboring communities pay for ambulance services provided by the City. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Councilor Hanke requested this item be added to the agenda as he wants to ensure residents of outlying communities are not paying less than City residents for ambulance services. Discussion ensued regarding the contracted per capita rates charged to neighboring communities, resident rates, and non-resident rates.

The Committee directed Fire Chief Hepfler to compile a report including the per capita rates, number of trips made to the neighboring communities, and a resident/nonresident rate study to determine if our rates could be adjusted. This will be revisited in mid-January.

No action taken.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Mason/Olson to adjourn at 5:27 pm. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:
Mike Hanke, Chair

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)