



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

Committee #3 met Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 11:00 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, Rob Kiefer, and Mayor Hoffman.

Others present: Building Inspector Paul Lasiewicz, Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer, Street Superintendent Rick Ruf, Greg Harrell of Zion Methodist Church, and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

1. Discuss and consider sign variance request from Zion United Methodist Church to place an electronic sign on the south wall of the new church addition. Possible recommendations to Council.

Inspector Lasiewicz advised that Zion Methodist Church submitted a sign variance request as the church is in a residential district. Lasiewicz expressed concern about the illumination from the sign and its impact on residents near the church. He was advised by Gaber Signs that the intensity of the lights could be adjusted to be brighter during the day and dimmer at dusk. Lasiewicz was comfortable with this solution.

Greg Harrell stated Zion specifically went with a red LED light as it is focused and non-intrusive. The proposed sign is smaller than the existing sign and could be set to turn off at night if it became an issue.

Motion by Hicks/Lardahl to recommend Council approve the sign variance request from Zion United Methodist Church to place an electronic sign on the south wall of the new church addition. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

2. Discuss and consider amending Chapter 9 – Orderly Conduct, §9.015 Firearms in Public Buildings and City-Owned Vehicles Prohibited, of the City of Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. Possible recommendations to Council.

Councilor Hanke requested this item be brought to the Committee as he feels the signs referenced under the ordinance should be removed from City buildings. He feels employees are limited as far as their options to protect themselves if the signs are posted and that criminals will not adhere to the signage anyway.

This item will be tabled until the next Committee #3 meeting to allow for further input from the City Attorney and Police Chief.

3. Discuss and consider amending Chapter 8 – Streets and Sidewalks, §8.11 Snow and Ice Removal, of the City of Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. Possible recommendations to Council.

Discussion was had regarding areas in the City where there is no green space to place snow when removed from sidewalks. Currently, only businesses in the downtown business district are allowed to push snow into the street so much as it is not blocking traffic flow. Councilor Hanke thought this benefit should be offered to more than just the downtown businesses. Street Superintendent Ruf shared the benefit

would come at a substantial cost and provided the Committee with a list of addresses that could be affected and a cost estimate. Exposure to greater liability in potential property damage was also discussed. City Engineer Rubenzer advised individuals can seek permission to push snow on to the property of an adjacent property owner. It was agreed that clearing snow downtown is a priority due to a majority of people using the downtown area.

A public information meeting will be set in early November to allow discussion regarding the Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance.

No action taken.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Lardahl/Hicks to adjourn at 11:45 am. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:
Mike Hanke, Chair

October 1, 2013

Zion United Methodist Church
1102 Superior St.
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729

RE: Sign Variance

Chippewa Falls City Council:

I am writing on behalf of Zion United Methodist Church asking for a sign variance for a new electronic sign to be placed on the south wall of the new addition on our church. The sign is an LED display with red monochrome letters with the following dimensions; 63" wide and about 55" tall. Enclosed is a picture representing what the sign will look like as proposed by Gaber Sign Company. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me at 715-577-5423.

Sincerely,

Ken Froelich



Building Committee Chair



9.015 FIREARMS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND CITY-OWNED VEHICLES

PROHIBITED. (Cr. #2011-12)

(1)

FIREARMS PROHIBITED. Pursuant to §943.13(1m)(c)4., Wis. Stats., no person shall enter or remain in any part of a building owned, occupied or controlled by the State of Wisconsin or a local government unit if the State or local governmental unit has notified the person not to enter or to remain in the building while carrying a firearm or a specific type of firearm.

(2)

SIGNS. The Public Works Department shall cause signs to be erected at all entrances to all buildings owned, occupied or under the control of the City of Chippewa Falls which shall provide notice that no person is to enter or remain in any such building while carrying a firearm. Such signs shall be five inches by seven inches or larger.

(3)

FIREARMS IN VEHICLES. No person shall carry a firearm while in a City-owned vehicle, including emergency medical vehicles. Emergency medical personnel are hereby authorized to remove a firearm from the immediate bodily possession of any person being transported. The firearm shall be returned to the person being transported when it is safe to do so and no longer violates any prohibition against possession of a firearm.

(4)

PEACE OFFICERS EXCEPTED. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to prohibit a peace officer or armed forces or military personnel armed in the line of duty or any person duly authorized by the Chief of Police to possess a firearm in any public building or in a City-owned vehicle.

(5)

NON-AUTHORIZATION. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the carrying of any firearm or dangerous weapon contrary to §941.23 or §941.235, Wis. Stats.

(6)

PENALTY. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be required to forfeit not less than \$250 nor more than \$500, plus any applicable court costs. Each violation shall be a separate offense.

8.11 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL.

(1)

FROM SIDEWALKS. (Am. #90-18) The owner or occupant of every premises fronting upon any street within the City shall keep the sidewalks in front of such premises reasonably clear of snow and ice and shall clear the snow from each sidewalk within 24 hours after each snowfall. If the owner or occupant shall fail to clear the snow and ice as required hereunder, the City Building Inspector shall cause the same to be done by removal or by placing sand or a combination thereof and the cost thereof assessed against the abutting property as a special tax.

(2)

SNOW REMOVAL RESTRICTIONS. (Am. #92-4; #97-5; #2013-05) No person in clearing snow from driveways, parking lots, filling stations, garage entrances, or other large areas shall place such snow on the paved portion of any streets or public ways, or on the property of another or on the public right-of-way adjacent to the property of another, without consent of said property owner or in such a manner as to block the vision of motorists at intersections, or create a traffic hazard. Such person shall cause such accumulation of snow to be hauled away immediately. If said person does not cause the accumulation to be hauled away immediately, the City engineer or his appointee shall cause the same accumulation to be removed and the cost thereof assessed against the abutting property as a special tax. The amount of special tax shall be determined to be the cost for a loader and operator and dump truck and driver at the then current rate for City of Chippewa Falls personnel and equipment. The minimum charge shall be one hour of a loader and operator and one hour of a dump truck and driver. In the Central Business District, where walks have been constructed from the street right-of-way line to the curb, snow from the sidewalk may be deposited in the portion of the public way intended for parking, but not in any portion of the traveled section of such public way. With permission of the Street and Utilities Maintenance Manager, residents or businesses located in the City of Chippewa Falls may haul accumulations to one of the City of Chippewa Falls Snow Dumping yards.

Here is a list of the added places to remove snow if the wording is changed in Ordinance 8.11

Main St. from bridge to Railroad tracks Residential

Canal St. from Main St. to Duncan St. Dewey's, Burley's & one house

Canal St. at Woodward Ave Sweeney's

Canal St. at Depot St. Dam Bar

Main St at Canal St. Novelty Cleaners

202 Main St. House

320 Main St. Christensen Glass

Park Ave D J's & Dresel's

Irvine St. from Park Ave to top of hill

A St. South View School

Greenville St. Holy Ghost School

310 Allen St. Tip Top Bar

Allen St. Notre Dame Church & School

Prairie St. Notre Dame School & Hyde Center

River St. Hyde Center

Grand Ave. Sleepers to Sneakers

Grand Ave. Bresina's Old Home

State St. from Columbia St. to top of hill Forest Hill Cemetery

Jefferson Ave. YMCA, Auto Value, Park View School & Bresina's Carry out

Jefferson Ave from Fair St. to Bridgewater Ave Residential two blocks

Elm St. Woolen Mill, Garage Salon, Twirl in Beauty Shop & Gutknecht's

Mansfield St. Christensen Florist

1215 Mansfield Residential

Superior St. Korger Chestnut & United Methodist Church

Bel Aire Blvd McDonell High School

Miles St. Hillcrest School

Coleman Chi Hi School

Spruce St. at Pearl St. St. Charles School & Church

2013 STORM WATER UTILITY WORK ORDER

W.O. # 3/11/2013

Location (s) of Work:
Structure ID/ ID's
Work Description

Compete Plow Sequence 4" of snow

Date (s)

QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
SUBTOTAL				\$ -

EQUIPMENT	HOURS	EQUIPMENT RATE - 2012	AMOUNT
Backhoe		\$56.42	\$ -
Backhoe, Tractor		\$46.30	\$ -
Generator		\$18.20	\$ -
Compactor		\$38.50	\$ -
Compressor		\$16.74	\$ -
Grader		\$73.78	\$ -
Loader	48	\$53.34	\$ 2,560.32
Skid Loader		\$29.56	\$ -
Steamer		\$52.98	\$ -
Tractor w/Broom		\$25.48	\$ -
Truck, Dump wplow and wing		\$64.92	\$ -
Truck, Ton		\$12.84	\$ -
Truck, Dump	80	\$46.64	\$ 3,731.20
SWU VEHICLES			
Sweeper		\$118.84	\$ -
Leaf Vac-Machine		\$67.36	\$ -
Truck, Dump		\$42.64	\$ -
Vac-all Truck		\$67.36	\$ -
SUBTOTAL		128	SUBTOTAL (STORM UTILITY VEHICLES)
			SUBTOTAL (RENTED EQUIPMENT)
			\$ 6,291.52

MEN	HOURS	LABOR RATE - 2012	AMOUNT
Street Department Employees	128	\$31.42	\$ 4,021.76
		\$47.13	\$ -
TOTAL LABOR			\$ 4,021.76

WORK ORDER TOTAL \$ 10,313.28