



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

**Committee #3 met Tuesday, December 9, 2013 at 10:15 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 Amy Mason.

Others present: Police Chief Wendy Stelter, Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer, Street and Utility Manager Rick Ruf, Parking Enforcement Officer Jean Bernier, Ralph Cushman, and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am.

**1. Discuss and consider amending Chapter 7 – Traffic Code, § 7.09 (2)(b) Parking Restrictions, of the City of Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. Possible recommendations to Council.**

Clerk Givens shared a communication received from the owners of the Medicine Shoppe, requesting additional 8-hour parking stalls be added to the E. Birch Street lot. Parking Enforcement Officer Bernier indicated her agreement with this request. Bernier added that the 8-hour time allotment is at any one stretch, but she does monitor to see if vehicles are left overnight.

**Motion by Lardahl/Hicks** to recommend amending Chapter 7 – Traffic Code, § 7.09 (2)(b) Parking Restrictions, of the City of Chippewa Falls Municipal Code, changing stalls from 2-hour to 8-hour parking in the E. Birch Street Lot. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**2. Discuss and consider expansion of school zone near Hillcrest Elementary. Possible recommendations to Council.**

Ralph Cushman, Safety Patrol Advisor for the Chippewa Falls School District, appeared to request expansion of the school zone near Hillcrest Elementary, particularly at the intersection of Miles and Wheaton. City Engineer Rubenzer advised the Committee that a traffic study has not been done at this point and currently, the school zone ends approximately 100' from where the Safety Patrol crosses students at Miles and Wheaton. Street and Utility Manager Ruf indicated that school zone signs and advanced signs could be installed, with temporary signage used until the ground thaws enough to place permanent signage. Ruf questioned in situations like this, if he had the authority to evaluate the situation, deal with it accordingly, and advise the Council on the action taken. The Committee agreed in the essence of safety, it would be permissible.

**Motion by Hicks/Lardahl** to recommend extending the school zone from Dover Street south to Miles Street going east on Wheaton Street. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**3. 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.**

**Motion by Hicks/Lardahl** to table this item and schedule a meeting to address it next week. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**4. Discuss and consider converting City street lights from high pressure sodium to LED's. Possible recommendations to Council.**

Ruf advised the Committee that a couple of demo lights have been installed on Bay Street, between Willow and Columbia, with significant cost savings realized. The Committee instructed Ruf to put together a cost estimate to change to LED's including the anticipated savings in energy costs. Once compiled, it should be brought to Committee No. 1 and addressed as an unfunded budget item.

No action taken.

**5. Discuss and consider Polling Place Emergency Plan. Possible recommendations to Council.**

Givens discussed the statutory requirement to have a Polling Place Emergency Plan in place, indicating she worked with Chief Stelter in development. The Plan is meant to offer guidance to election staff in the event of an emergency on Election Day.

**Motion by Hicks/Lardahl to recommend approval of the Polling Place Emergency Plan. All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**6. Adjournment**

**Motion by Hicks/Lardahl to adjourn at 10:44 am. All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by:  
Mike Hanke, Chair

## Bridget Givens

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**From:** Jodie Drilling [jodie@lcrx-cf.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 10:31 AM  
**To:** Bridget Givens  
**Subject:** parking lot

Bridget,

The parking lot on E Birch St. needs to have more 8 hours parking and not have any or fewer 2 hours parking spots. The parking lot is always full where there is 8 hours parking and empty in the 2 hour parking areas. We need more parking spaces for the workers in Chippewa and its a shame that these spaces are available and can't be used.

Thank you for helping on this matter,

Paul Winger  
Matt Peacock

## 7.09 PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

(2) LIMITED PARKING. (Rep. & recr. #76-6)

(b)

Two Hour. No operator of a vehicle shall park such vehicle in the following places for longer than 2 consecutive hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day of the week, except Sundays and legal holidays:

1.

Island St. between Spring St. and a point 140 feet north of the north curblineline of Grand Ave., except the west side between Central St. and Grand Ave. from the north curblineline of Central St. to a point 135 feet north and from the south curblineline of Grand Ave. to a point 60 feet south and also excepting the east and west side of Island St. from Spring St. north to the alley and also excepting the east side of Island St. from the north side of the sixth parking space north of Central St. (the current entrance to Gordy's parking lot) to Columbia St. (Am. #91-24; #99-08; #99-34; #08-09; #09-16)

1a.

Island Street, east side, between Columbia Street and Willow Street. (Cr. #96-3)

2.

River St., both sides, from the intersection with Bay St. to the intersection with Island St. (Am. #77-6; Am. #97-39; #O-02-23)

3.

Spring St. from Rushman Dr. to a point 170 feet east of Island St. (Am. #91-24)

4.

Central St. from Rushman Dr. to Island St., except as to the 3 parking stalls designated as 30-minute parking stalls under subsection (i) herein. (Am. #77-6; #05-33)

5.

Grand Ave. from Rushman Dr. to Bay St. (Am. #91-24)

6.

Columbia St. from Rushman Dr. to Island St., except E. Columbia, south side, directly in front of the entrance to the U.S. Post Office. (Am. #77-6; #97-11)

7.

South side of Willow St. from Island St. to a point 135 feet east of the east line of Bridge St. North side of Willow St. from the first driveway

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.