

**JANUARY 21, 2019 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Mayor Christopher Lund called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Matt McIntyre, David Esau, Candy Davis, Debbie Olson (arrived at 7:01), Mark Wellnitz and Jim Burdick.

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Public Works Director Tom Hartzell, City Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Heggglund, Utility Director Randy Oren, City Attorney Bill Morgan, Interim Police Chief Randy Meehan and a number of citizens.

Heggglund confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, January 18, 2019 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

ACCEPT THE AGENDA: A Mark Wellnitz/Matt McIntyre motion to accept the agenda as printed passed, all voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Council held a public hearing to hear comments regarding a request by the City of Edgerton to modify the fare schedule for the Shared-Ride Taxi Program. Flanigan stated the increase was initiated by the City's vendor Brown Cab. Brown Cab stated the ridership was down in 2018. If the trend continues in 2019 the cost of the program to the City will significantly increase. Brown Cab suggests raising the rates to help reduce the deficit. The increases proposed were as follows; Elderly disabled fare would go from \$2.25 to \$2.50; the out of town rate would increase from \$2.00 to \$2.25; and the agency fare from \$7.00 to \$9.00 each.

Hearing no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

A Mark Wellnitz/Debbie Olson motion to approve the modified fare schedule for the Shared Ride taxi program as discussed passed on a 6/0 roll call vote. (see attachment)

MINUTES: A Mark Wellntiz/Matt McIntyre motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2019 Common Council meeting as amended passed, all voted in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: A Mark Wellnitz/Candy Davis motion to approve the bills and payroll list in the amount of \$2,837,733.58 passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Mark Wellnitz/Matt McIntyre motion to adopt City of Edgerton Resolution 02-19: Authorizing the 2018 Property Tax Equivalent Charged to the Water Utility passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Mark Wellnitz/Candy Davis motion to approve a façade grant for 106 S Main St in the amount of \$5,000 for masonry, parapet wall bracing and roof repairs passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

A Mark Wellnitz/Candy Davis motion to approve a façade grant for 15 N Henry St in the amount of \$1,646.55 to replace an overheard door, painting and roof repairs passed on a 5/0/1 roll call vote. David Esau abstained.

A Mark Wellnitz/Candy Davis motion to put the Business Park vacant land lease out for proposals using the same terms that are in the current lease passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

Public Works Committee:

Dickinson Ave Speed Limit: Flanigan reported the speed trailer will not arrive to assist in gathering traffic data on Dickinson. The statutes do allow the City to establish the speed on any street adjacent to a park to 15 mph when children are present. This would require the passing of an ordinance and signs would need to be posted at the point the speed limit changes. This speed limit could only be enforced when children were present. If the Council decides to change the entire street to 15 mph they might also want to consider the speed on other streets surrounding the park.

Randy Meehan presented the data collected by the police department regarding number of cars and average speeds on Dickinson St. Mark Wellnitz suggested the use of an unmarked car to get more accurate data.

Dan Brantner, 4806 N Arthur Dr, stated that he travels Dickinson Ave often and feels the signage for the park is very inadequate. The signs currently are posted after you have already passed the park. They should be posted before the park to alert drivers there is a park ahead.

Olson suggested some speed limit signs be put in just to remind drivers what the speed limit is.

The City of Edgerton Ordinance 18-07: Amending Section 9.07 “Speed Zones” to reduce the speed limit on Dickinson Ave failed to pass due to lack of a motion at the second reading.

Hemphill Median Removal: Flanigan reported there has been a request by citizens to remove the median on Hemphill Ave. Flanigan gave some history of the median and the reasons why it was originally constructed. One of the main concerns was safety and speed control due to Hemphill being a through street to get to North Main. The median’s purpose was to slow traffic down and to alert traffic to the change in width from the old to the new part of the street. The Public Works Committee met to discuss the issue of removal and citizens who live on or around Hemphill attended the meeting and favored the removal.

Joshua Lee, 708 Doty St, stated he is against accepting money from a private citizen. He felt it would be unethical and the City would be starting a precedence.

Alona Webb, 1102 North Pass, presented a list of names from citizens on Hemphill and the surrounding streets that are in favor of the removal.

Dan Brantner, owner of 402-404 Hemphill Ave, stated he is in favor of the removal due to parking issues.

Sarah Braun, 112 W Fulton, St asked what is the purpose of removing the median when the reason it was originally installed was due to safety issues and those issues are still a concern.

Jonathon Frey, 606 Doty St, stated he agrees that there is an ethical issue to accepting a donation to remove the median. He feels it sets a precedence.

Mark Wellnitz addressed some of the citizen concerns regarding the looks of the median, snow plowing issues, and accidents. He observed the plow while it was clearing that part of the street and there were no issues. He did some research on the number of accidents. His research went back 15 years and showed only 3 accidents on Hemphill. Of those 3 accidents none of them were near the median. He is very concerned about accepting the money to remove the island from a citizen just because they don't like it.

Debbie Olson stated she felt the offer to pay for the removal was a very generous.

Brad Ferrell, 310 Wileman asked if it was installed for speed control why is Hemphill Ave the only place in town that has one? He doesn't understand how it affects safety. Wellnitz indicated that Hemphill is the only street that narrows from one end to the other.

Candy Davis asked about the reason for the width of the median and the exact reason why it was put in. She also inquired about the legal ramifications of accepting donation for this type of project. Bill Morgan stated the City would not be breaking any laws if they choose to accept the donation.

Jim Burdick presented some data he collected regarding the reasons why the median was originally installed. The reasons are still there. There have been no accidents so the median is working. He felt that one citizen should not be able to offer money to remove infrastructure just because it looks bad.

Brooke Ferrell, 310 Wileman Dr, stated she is building a house on Hemphill Ave by the median. She stated that her driveway will be affected if the median remains.

Tom Klubertanz, 204 E Ladd Ln, stated he felt the Council should listen to the citizens that are currently affected by the median. Some of the citizens that voted for it 15 years ago may not have lived on the street so they did not realize the effect it would have on the property owners. He feels that the owners that are dealing with it now should be the opinions that matter most.

Candy Davis expressed concern for the ability of emergency vehicles to exit the driveways near the median. She does not think it would be easy for an ambulance to back out of the driveways without driving onto the median.

A Mark Wellnitz/Jim Burdick motion to call the question on the Hemphill Ave discussion passed, by a unanimous vote.

A Debbie Olson/Matt McIntyre motion to approve the removal of the median on Hemphill Ave and accept donations for the removal costs passed on a 3/2/1 roll call vote. Mark Wellnitz and Jim Burdick voted against the motion. David Esau abstained.

CLOSED SESSION: Mark Wellnitz/David Esau moved to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(e) “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” Discuss and Consider request by Yeske Construction to purchase City Property. The motion passed on a 6/0 roll call vote. Mayor Lund excused himself from the closed session.

A Candy Davis/David Esau motion to return to open session passed, all voted in favor.

A Candy Davis/Jim Burdick motion to approve the sale of city property to Yeske Construction with the staff working through the details passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

Being no other business before the Council, a Candy Davis/Mark Wellnitz motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Cindy Hegglund/wl
City Clerk-Treasurer

Adopted February 4, 2019