

CITY OF EDGERTON  
CITY HALL  
12 ALBION STREET  
EDGERTON, WI

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order; Roll Call.
2. Confirmation of Appropriate Meeting Notice Posted on Friday, January 11, 2019.
3. Consider Approval of minutes:  
A. December 10, 2018  
B. December 13, 2018
4. Consider removal of median on Hemphill Ave.
5. Staff Report
6. Adjourn.

cc: All Commission Members                      City Administrator                      All Council Members  
Department Heads                                  City Engineer                                  Newspapers

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"Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Common Council is expected to be present at the above scheduled noticed meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. The only action to be taken at this meeting will be action by the Public Works Committee."



**DECEMBER 10, 2018  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Chair Debbie Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Committee members present were Debbie Olson, Mark Wellnitz and Jim Burdick. Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Public Works Director Tom Hartzell, Interim Police Chief Randy Meehan, Alderperson Matt McIntyre, Alderperson Candy Davis, and several citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to approve the October 1, 2018 Public Works Committee minutes passed, all voted in favor.

**CONSIDER MEANS TO ADDRESS SPEEDING CONCERNS ON DICKINSON AVE:** Residents continue to request excessive speeding be addressed on Dickinson Ave. The Police Department has been providing extra monitoring recently but has not found a significant issue. Citizens have indicated that high volume of speeding occurs from 7-8 AM and during the high school lunch hour. Interim Police Chief Meehan stated that it is difficult to give tickets on this short street in accordance with radar requirements. Meehan offered to continue to put officers there when possible and to encourage compliance via Facebook and other media options.

Several residents from the area voiced their concern that they have witnessed vehicles speeding, not yielding to pedestrians utilizing the park, and disregarding stop signs at George Street and Hubert Street. Options discussed to address the issues included installation of crosswalks, additional stop signs, and reducing the speed limit. Alderperson Burdick does not believe additional stop signs would not be helpful. Alderperson Olson suggested reducing the speed limit as it would be the least expensive option.

An Olson/Burdick motion to reduce speed limit on Dickinson Avenue to 15 MPH and request staff investigate pavement marking and crosswalk passed on a 2/1 roll call vote.

**CONSIDER PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON HENDERSON STREET:** Public Works Director, Tom Hartzell, proposed changing parking regulations from allowing parking on both sides of Henderson Street, to parking only allowed on the south side of Henderson Street from Main Street to Nunn Bush, starting 65 feet east of North Main Street. Since the street is only 30 feet wide, it reduces the amount of available driving space on the road especially problematic near Main Street. Vehicles are forced to drive in the center of the road if both sides are utilized.

Multiple citizens voiced opposition to the change in the parking regulations. Concerns about eliminating parking include safety of crossing the street to a parked vehicle and increased speed due to less parking. Alderperson Olson was not in favor of reducing parking availability on a low traffic street. She recommended eliminating parking at the corner of North Main Street and Henderson Street only to assist with corner visibility.

An Olson/Burdick motion to eliminate parking 50 feet east of Main Street on both sides of Henderson Street passed, all voted in favor.

**STAFF REPORT:** Public Works Director stated the new plow for the pick-up has arrived. The department is ready for the upcoming snow/salt season.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Wellnitz/Burdick motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Ramona Flanigan/jas  
City Administrator

**DECEMBER 13, 2018  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Chair Debbie Olson called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. Committee members present were Debbie Olson, Mark Wellnitz and Jim Burdick. Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Public Works Director Tom Hartzell, Interim Police Chief Randy Meehan, Alderperson Matt McIntyre, Alderperson Candy Davis, and several citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

**CONSIDER ON STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR SOUTH MAIN STREET SOUTHWEST OF LORD STREET:** The City eliminated parking on S Main Street during the time the Indianford Bridge was out of service to permit larger, primarily agriculture, vehicles to use S Main to get to Hwy 51 to cross the Rock River. The Indianford Bridge is now open and the Committee should determine if parking will be restored on both sides of S Main Street.

There was split support among residents at the meeting to allow parking on South Main Street. Residents opposed to parking were concerned that parking on the narrow road would cause a safety issue. Residents in support of allowing parking said it would slow traffic in the area and parking is needed since many properties have short driveways and several cars. Roger Shieldt offered an option to allow parking but only with a special permit. Public Works Director Hartzell stated that the street will be wider after reconstruction in 2022.

A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to restore parking on South Main Street as it was before the project passed, all voted in favor.

**CONSIDER REMOVAL OF MEDIAN ON HEMPHILL AVE:** There has been a request to consider the removal of the island on Hemphill Avenue located near North Pass. The street width varies from 45 feet at the west end to 28 feet on the east end. The island was installed to improve safety and slow traffic on the street.

Several residents from the area voiced their concern that the median is a hazard rather than a deterrent to slow traffic as originally designed. Alderperson Burdick stated he was concerned that while the removal of the median may promote convenience but also decrease safety in the area.

The estimated cost to remove the island is \$12,588. The options to pay for the removal are: to forego a budgeted project in 2019; include the project in 2020 budget, or utilize savings. Alderperson Wellnitz and Burdick recommend tabling the issue to gather more information for future discussion.

A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to table the removal of median on Hemphill Avenue until next meeting passed, all voted in favor.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE FOR REMOVAL OF TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:** Staff was unable to have draft ordinance ready and will have it for a future meeting.

**STAFF REPORT: None**

Being no other business before the Committee, a Wellnitz/Burdick motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Ramona Flanigan/jas  
City Administrator

# Memo

**To:** Public Works Committee

**From:** Staff

**Date:** 1/10/2019

**Re:** January 14, 2019 Meeting

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**Island on Hemphill Ave:** The Public Works Committee tabled the decision regarding the removal of the island on Hemphill to allow for bids to be obtained. Since that meeting a citizen submitted a written commitment to pay for the island removal and street restoration so no bids are required. The Committee will need to decide if it will allow the removal of the island.

The island was installed for the following reasons: the street width varies from 45 feet at the west end to 28 feet on the east end. The island was constructed at the street width transition point to alert motorists of this changing pavement width and to slow traffic as this street serves as a cut through from Blaine Street to N Main Street. As part of the debate for the approval of the subdivision that created the west end of the street and the connection of the street to N Main Street, there was considerable concern on the part of Hemphill residents about the speed of traffic on the street once the street connected to the highway. The island was installed to improve safety and calm traffic.

