

**JANUARY 14, 2019
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Chair Debbie Olson called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Alderperson David Esau, Alderperson Matt McIntyre and several citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, January 11, 2019 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to approve the December 10, 2018 Public Committee minutes as amended passed, all voted in favor.

A Wellnitz/Olson motion to approve the December 13, 2018 Public Works Committee minutes passed, all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REMOVAL OF MEDIAN ON HEMPHILL AVE: There has been a citizen request to consider the removal of the island on Hemphill Avenue located near North Pass. Hemphill Street narrows from 45 feet at the west end to 28 feet on the east end in the area of the island. The island was installed to improve safety and slow traffic on the street. At the December 13, 2018 meeting several citizens voiced their opinion that the median is a hazard and should be removed.

Alderperson Debbie Olson read a letter into the record from Joan Fox and Ron Webb indicating the neighborhood will commit to pay for the removal of the island if approved. She stated Hemphill Avenue residents - Brandon and Jessica Whitmore contacted her to express their opinion that the median be removed.

Alderperson Jim Burdick reviewed the historic minutes from the time the island was approved. The main concern was for safety in the area and the median was the solution. He has observed use of medians in other municipalities and their success. Burdick stressed that even though the median is not appealing it is serving the intended purpose. To assist with aesthetics he recommended requesting funding for planting flowers. Alderperson Debbie Olson discussed the importance of removal based on the request of the area residents. She remarked there are other options to control the flow of traffic including additional street parking.

A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to move the removal of Hemphill Avenue median to City Council without a recommendation passed, all voted in favor.

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