

MAY 10, 2021
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON

Chair Jim Burdick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Jim Burdick, Casey Langan, and Sarah Braun. Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser, Mayor Christopher Lund and a few citizens.

Moser confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, May 7, 2021 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

ELECT CHAIR: A Langan/Braun motion to nominate Jim Burdick as chair passed on a 3/0 roll call vote.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Braun/Langan motion to approve the March 22, 2021 Public Works Committee minutes passed on a 3/0 roll call vote.

DISCUSS RECONFIGURATION OF MAIN ST FROM THRONSON RD TO LORD ST:
In 2020 the Public Works Committee expressed interest in exploring the conversion of Main St (from Lord St to Thronson Dr) from four-lanes to a three-lane configuration. The three-lane configuration would have two driving lanes and one lane in the middle as a turn lane. This configuration would also include two bike lanes.

Staff included this proposal in the quarterly newsletter to obtain public opinion. Of the responses, six people were in support of the change and seven were opposed. Staff provided Committee with a summary of those responses.

City Administrator Ramona Flanigan stated many communities use the three-lane configuration to accommodate traffic other than vehicle traffic. It is being brought up at this time because the city will be re-striping the road this summer.

Jim Burdick stated the Edgerton Police Chief is not in support of the change and he feels there will be more negative impact than a benefit.

Sarah Braun noted one comment a was concern for the impact of just two lanes when the road floods. Municipal Services Director Howard Moser stated the flooding wouldn't have any more impact than it does now.

Jim Burdick stated he has had an overwhelming response of people not in favor of changing the traffic lanes.

Josh Lee, 708 Doty St, asked what are reasons for considering the change. Flanigan read the following items from documents provided to the Committee:

- Reduces traffic speed
- Easier to access from side streets with a middle lane to merge into traffic
- Safer for pedestrians

- Safer for bicycles
- The center lane can be used for emergency vehicles to maneuver through heavy traffic
- Easier for snow removal
- Reduces traffic accidents

Larry Johnson, 810 N Main St, stated he agrees the three-lane would do all those things. He has watched people try to cross N Main St by Hubert St and almost get hit. If one car does stop for a pedestrian, a car in the other lane may not.

Mr. Johnson has watched cars seesaw back and forth speeding down the road. The snow removal on four lanes of traffic is also difficult and his sidewalk is right along the roadway that continues to have snow plowed onto it.

Mr. Johnson stated he is in favor for this change.

Jim Burdick stated there are other ways to handle the traffic speed and improve the crosswalks without making this change. Sarah Braun stated she feels the change is needed for safer pedestrian crossing.

A Burdick/Langan motion to leave the striping as is on Main St based on the law enforcement recommendation passed on a 2/1 roll call vote. Sarah Braun voted against the motion.

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

Howard Moser/ch
Municipal Services Director

Adopted July