

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