

**CITY OF FORT ATKINSON**  
**City Council Minutes ~ August 1, 2017**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Pres. Becker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL.

Present: Cm. Kotz, Cwmn. Gehred, Cm. Lescohier, Cm. Hartwick and Pres. Becker. Also present: City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk/Treasurer and City Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2017 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 regular Council meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert (Bob) Dehring, Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3 introduced himself to the Council and those in attendance.

Michael Zore, 1121 S. Main Street. He discussed the adult family care consortium and clarified a few items he felt were unclear. He thanked the Council for their encouragement for his business.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. *Minutes of Traffic Review Committee meeting held June 28, 2017.*
- b. *Minutes of Police & Fire Commission meeting held June 28, 2017.*
- c. *Minutes of Planning Commission meeting held July 25, 2017.*

Cm. Lescohier moved, seconded by Cm. Kotz to accept and file the reports of officers, boards and committees. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. *Recommendation from Traffic Review Committee to designate west side of South Main Street from its intersection with Rockwell Avenue to the south City limits as no parking, and Ordinance.*  
Barry Strommen, 1116 S. Main Street – he is in the area of a proposed bike path. He referenced an adjacent apartment building that regularly has vehicles parked in front assisting elderly residents. He performed a count of bikers that passed his house over a span of 14 days. He counted 47 bikers that went by. Of those, 7 on one side of the sidewalk, 17 on the opposite side of the sidewalk, 7 on the east side of the road and 16 on the west side of the road. He is not in favor of the parking restriction on the east side and the addition of a bike lane especially since sidewalk exists. Cm. Lescohier asked what time during the day he did his study. Strommen replied approximately noon to 6 pm he conducted his study.

Jennifer Babcock, 1005 S. Main Street. She stated that the apartment building on Main and Spry has a large number of elderly and handicapped individuals and she fears for their safety should parking not be allowed on the west side of Main Street. She is not in favor of cars only being allowed to park on one side of the street.

Serena Teubert, 1103 S. Main Street. She does not see enough bike traffic to warrant a bike lane on Main Street. She has concerns for restricted parking on Main Street.

Pres. Becker addressed an email from a resident, Rod Kovnesky that questioned the need for a bike lane on the street. He is not in favor.

Engineer Selle introduced the request to allow for a 10-foot bike lane on the west side of South Main Street from Rockwell Avenue south to city limits. He stated there is no area of Whitewater Avenue that allows pedestrians or bikers for residents on east Highland Avenue and south of Highland Avenue. The width of the street will easily allow for the bike lane and two driving lanes and parking on the east side.

Selle stated he did have a phone call of support for the bike lane. He also added there could be loading/unloading area for residents of the apartment building on Main and Spry.

Mr. Strommen added that the driveways on the east side are long enough to accommodate extra cars and the no parking could be considered on that side of the street.

Cm. Hartwick asked if enough terrace exists on the east side for sidewalk. Selle stated there could be up to 12 feet of terrace on the east side. Hartwick asked if narrowing the street would lessen the speed of travelers. Selle stated the narrowing is just with stripes and it may not encourage slower traffic.

Cm. Lescohier asked with a 10 foot bike lane, if traffic would be moving in both directions on the one path. Selle stated that is a thought. A bike lane on both sides would interfere with parking. Lescohier asked if parking can be designed on Spry for the apartment building.

Cm. Kotz suggested sending the ordinance to a second reading to allow more public input and comments from Staff and employees.

Cm. Kotz moved the ordinance to its second reading for purpose of continued discussion and public input. Cm. Hartwick seconded the motion.

Cwmn. Gehred would be uncomfortable riding with opposite traffic as an avid biker. She suggests being open to change as the street is open to all public and not owned by the residents. She appreciated comments and others looking out for their neighbors. She suggested considering parking and bike lanes similar to Main Street downtown. She suggested the bike lane being taken down Radloff Street and veer off of Main Street as a safer route for bikers. She supports the idea of encouraging biking and walking.

Walt Christensen – Pond Road and Town of Koshkonong Supervisor was present and volunteered to provide information on bike paths that were discussed near Hackbarth Road. Cwmn. Gehred asked about a study that was done to encourage bicyclists to Mush-ko-se-day Park. He replied the Town did develop a plan to get into the north edge of the park. They worked with a church to allow access to

pathways. The path would encourage bikers from Main to Riggert to Bramble Bush and from there paths around Faith Community Church.

Cm. Kotz moved to amend his motion to table the ordinance until the safe routes to school report can be available for review. Cm. Hartwick seconded the amended motion. Residents on Main Street would be notified when the item will appear on the agenda.

Cm. Lescohier asked if a two-way bike lane is common. Selle stated it is not very common for two way traffic on a bike lane.

#### NEW BUSINESS

*a. Annual Report on Identity Theft Prevention Program.*

Clerk Ebbert stated this program was developed to comply with the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flag Rule. The purpose is to protect against the establishment of false accounts.

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to accept and file the annual report on Identity Theft Prevention Program. Motion carried.

*b. Review and approve State/Municipal Financial Agreement for Robert Street bridge project scheduled for 2023.*

Engineer Selle noted that Robert Street bridge is a section of connecting highway and while the City is responsible for maintenance of the bridge, the State and Federal government are responsible for major rehabilitation. This agreement provides the legal notice to proceed for WisDOT to begin gathering information on the project, start a public engagement process and begin to plan design or the deck replacement. The City commits to funding just under \$69,000 from the street program.

Cm. Hartwick moved, seconded by Cwmn. Gehred to approve the State/Municipal Financial Agreement for Robert Street bridge project scheduled for 2023. Carried on a roll call vote.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

*a. Set dates for Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) and Budget workshops and public hearing.* Dates were set for the CIP and budget workshops.

#### CLAIMS, APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

*a. Verified claims.*

Cm. Lescohier moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to approve the claims, appropriations and contract payments submitted by the Finance Director and authorize payment. Carried on a roll call vote.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Hartwick to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL