



Minutes
Committee #3
Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic

Committee #3 met on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Committee Members present: **Remotely** – Paul Olson, Jason Hiess, and CW King

Mayor/Council Members present: **Remotely** – Mayor Hoffman

Others present: **Remotely** – City Attorney Robert Ferg, Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer, Police Chief Matt Kelm, Police Officer McLaughlin, Parks and Recreation Director Dick Hebert, Serena Short, and City Clerk Bridget Givens. **In-person** – Utility Office Manager Connie Freagon.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

1. Discuss speed limit in Irvine Park. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Currently, the speed limit on roads in Irvine Park is not consistent. The Park Board met and is recommending the speed limit be set at 15 mph in Irvine Park.

Motion by King/Hiess to recommend Council approve setting the speed limit in Irvine Park at 15 mph. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

2. Discuss appeal of a dangerous dog order issued to Serena Short in accordance with Animal Care and Licenses Code Section, §12.11 of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. Possible recommendations to the Council.

The Committee was briefed on a dangerous dog order issued by Officer McLaughlin for a dog owned by Serena Short. Officer McLaughlin responded to the hospital for a report of an individual who had been bitten in the shin. The Officer was initially advised that the victim did not know the dog that bit him. Following an investigation, it was determined that the victim was familiar with the dog and it was owned by his co-worker, Serena Short. Based on the severity of the bite, Officer McLaughlin declared the dog dangerous. The Officer further stated that the owner is currently in compliance with the requirements relative to leashing, muzzling, confinement and all other requirements listed under subsection (3) of the ordinance.

Serena Short briefed the Committee on the remedial actions she is taking with her dog including enrolling him in an obedience school wherein the dog is housed at the facility for three weeks of intensive instruction and training.

Motion by King to recommend Council uphold the determination of the Police Department declaring the dog dangerous in accordance with Animal Care and Licenses Code Section, §12.11 of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

Short indicated upon the completion of the training that her veterinarian and the trainer would be willing to appear before the Committee to report on the dog's progress.

Motion by Hiess/Olson to recommend Council table the appeal of a dangerous dog order issued to Serena Short in accordance with Animal Care and Licenses Code Section, §12.11 of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code until such time as the dog completes obedience training and the veterinarian and trainer can report on progress. **All present voting aye, except King who voted no, motion carried.**

3. Adjournment.

Motion by Hiess/Olson to adjourn at 5:26 pm. All present voting aye, motion carried.

**Minutes submitted by:
Paul Olson, Chair**