



**Minutes**  
**Committee #3**

**Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic**

**Committee #3 met Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 4:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.**

Committee Members present: Paul Olson, CW King, and Brent Ford

Council Members present: Mayor Hoffman, Paul Nadreau, Rob Kiefer and John Monarski.

Others present: Police Chief Matt Kelm, Director of Chippewa Falls Main Street Teri Ouimette, Jessica Moran of The Sheeley House and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

- 1. Discuss request of Jessica Moran of the Sheeley House Saloon to deviate from Code Section, §12.03 (6) of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code relative to music in Outdoor Beer Gardens. Possible recommendations to Council.**

Ms. Moran is requesting to deviate from the Outdoor Beer Garden Ordinance to have occasional acoustic-style music roughly three times per month during the summer from approximately noon – 10:00 pm. She is planning to start this weekend with a FATFAR event wherein she will have a two-man musical group.

**Motion by Ford/King** to recommend Council approve the deviation request of Jessica Moran from Code Section, §12.03 (6) of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code to allow music in her beer garden in accordance with the limitations described in the request. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

- 2. Discuss Sidewalk Use Permit Application from the Chippewa Falls Public Library to utilize the sidewalk in front of the library from the bike rack to the end of Central Street for the Friends of the Library Book Sale on August 10 – 12, 2016. Possible recommendations to Council.**

**Motion by Ford/Olson** to recommend Council approve the Sidewalk Use Permit Application from the Chippewa Falls Public Library to utilize the sidewalk in front of the library from the bike rack to the end of Central Street for the Friends of the Library Book Sale on August 10 – 12, 2016. **All present voting aye, except King who abstained, motion carried.**

- 3. Discuss draft ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending the No Parking Code Section, § 7.09(1)(b) of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code to Extend the No Parking Provisions to Chippewa Crossing Boulevard. Possible recommendations to Council.**

City Engineer Rubenzer indicated that Chippewa Crossing Boulevard was originally constructed to be a connector to Hwy 29 with the intention that no parking would be allowed. Mayor Hoffman indicated he received several complaints of people parking in front of the duplexes near the curve, making visibility difficult. Concern was expressed relative to parking for events at the dog park and it was suggested that could be handled through the street use permit process. Additionally, there is parking on Marilyn Street and South Avenue if needed.

**Motion by Ford/King** to recommend Council adopt the Ordinance Amending the No Parking Code Section, § 7.09(1)(b) of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code to Extend the No Parking Provisions to Chippewa Crossing Boulevard. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**4. Discuss citizen communication received relative to heavy traffic, speeding and excessive noise on Elm Street. Possible recommendations to Council.**

Councilor King indicated he spoke with the individual that wrote the letter and explained that Elm Street is the only connection between the City and everything to the west. A number of complaints were identified in the letter and it was thought the most relevant were speed control and pedestrian crossings. Discussion was had regarding stricter enforcement, speed boards, additional signage, rumble strips, and speed bumps. It was suggested that a speed study be done which will define the problems.

King feels a pedestrian crossing should be considered at Hilary and Elm for the walking path many children use when walking to school.

**Motion by Ford/King** to recommend Council approve authorizing the Engineering Department to conduct a speed study in the W Elm Street neighborhood and to direct the City Engineer to review his safe routes to school recommendations relative to a pedestrian crossing at Hilary including a cost estimate. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**5. Adjournment**

**Motion by King/Ford** to adjourn at 5:10 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by:  
Paul Olson, Chair

Dear Committee Three,

The Sheeley House Saloon would like to request a variance to have live out door music for the summer months of 2016. At a maximum of three times a month. Acoustic, easy listening, one-three man groups will be played between the hours of noon and 10 pm on the out door patio.

Sincerely,

Jes Moran

Sheeley House Saloon

715-577-7114



## SIDEWALK USE PERMIT APPLICATION

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| <b>Name Of Applicant:</b><br>Chippewa Falls Public Library   | <b>Address Of Applicant:</b><br>105 W. Central St.  |
| <b>Telephone Number:</b><br>715-726-2740   | <b>Date And Length Of Time Requested For Use Of Sidewalk:</b><br>Wednesday, August 10-Friday, August 12 |
| <b>Description Of The Portion Of Sidewalk To Be Used:</b><br>In front of the library, from the end of the bike rack to the end of the Central St. sidewalk, right before Bay St. There will be a tent from roughly the flag pole to the edge of the grass toward Bay St. |   |
| <b>Describe In Detail The Purpose For Which the Sidewalk Will Be Used:</b><br>The sidewalk will be used for the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale.   |   |

The applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the City and its employees and agents harmless against all claims, liability, loss, damage or expense incurred by the City on account of any injury to, or death of, any person or any damage to property caused by or resulting from the activities for which the permit is granted.

This Sidewalk Use Permit may be revoked by the City Council for any violation of any condition of such permit as set out in Ordinance 94-13, passed on May 17, 1994. Such revocation shall be after affording the permit holder a hearing before the City Council after service on the permit holder of notice of hearing at least 3 days but not more than 30 days from the date and service of the notice and a detailed statement of the facts alleged to constitute any such violation.

Bond Certificate and sketch of area to be used must be attached.

Signature of Business Owner

*Joseph K. Reese*

Date Signed

June 10, 2016

Date of Council Approval

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NO PARKING  
CODE SECTION, § 7.09(1)(b) OF THE CHIPPEWA  
FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXTEND THE NO PARKING  
PROVISIONS TO CHIPPEWA CROSSING BOULEVARD

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That § 7.09(1)(b) of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code be amended to add the following:

7.09 PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

- (1) NO PARKING.

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- (b) No operator of a vehicle shall park such vehicle in any of the following places in the City:

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Chippewa Crossing Boulevard from South Avenue to State Trunk Highway 178.

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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

ALDERPERSON: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rob Kiefer, Council President

FIRST READING: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND READING: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gregory S. Hoffman, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bridget Givens, City Clerk

*Heavy traffic, speeding, vibrations from Jake brakes, noise, pollution on Elm St.*

*Many residents that live on W. Elm St. in Chippewa Falls have called, complained and signed petitions about the traffic problems, noise and safety issues in this area. While I have seen more Police Patrol presence, nothing else has changed. There are still vehicles traveling at more than 45-50 mph. We live in the city limits ... in a neighborhood, not on a highway. We pay city taxes and expect the same respect as other city residents receive to have a quiet, orderly, healthy and safe living environment. If not, our taxes should be waived.*

*There are an average of 140 public school buses that pass my home each week. Most are empty. What a waste of taxpayer money. Even if that were cut in half it would be a lot of traffic, noise and stinky fumes.*

*My home vibrates; yes, objects are literally shaking in my cabinets!!!!, when these dump trucks, milk trucks, cement trucks, and semis, gigantic farm equipment, tour buses and garbage trucks, etc. use this street. Who knows what damage all of this is doing under the street and to the road. I'm pretty tired of it and we're all tired of complaining. My home is being damaged and devalued. Who would want to live here?*

*This doesn't even include all the loud pick-up trucks, cars and motorcycles that zoom by each day. Wouldn't it be nice to sit on my deck and enjoy some peace and quiet?*

*On your new website, the Police Chief states, "Our job is to make the community a safer and better place to live. Let us know what we can do for you."*

*OK, here's what you can do. Lower the speed limit to 15 mph. I've seen little kids trying to cross Elm St. from Hilary while huge trucks go speeding by, totally uninterested in the safety of others. Put up permanent speed boards (like SpeedAlert 18) on both sides of the street, where there are 25 mph speed limit signs (Elm & Hilary). Use WI Statute 349.17 to regulate (ELIMINATE) heavy traffic (more than 6,000 lbs.). A typical dump truck (as shown in my attached photo) weighs between 25,000 – 80,000 lbs. A concrete truck carrying 10 cubic yards will weigh 66,000 lbs. A semi, without a trailer weighs 20,000 lbs. A school bus weighs 20,000 – 26,000 lbs. I know Red-Light and Speed Cameras are prohibited in WI so put more police in this area with radar guns and issue citations. Enforce the law. Put up signs for RESIDENTIAL AREA -- DO NOT USE ENGINE BRAKES (costs about \$23 online), IDLE-FREE ZONE, QUIET ZONE (NO LOUD OR UNNECESSARY NOISE) like the idiots that rev up their big trucks at 1037 Olive St., STOP – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, paint markings for a designated crosswalk, 15 MPH, SLOW DOWN, DOUBLE FINES.*

*I'll save this letter to see if anything changes. My next plan is to put a movie on YouTube. 99% of the photos were taken in ONE day last week, May 20, 2016. Just multiply that by 365. Make this area a neighborhood again, one that you would want to live in instead of devaluing our property and do nothing to make it safe and peaceful.*