

Committee #3 Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic

Committee #3 met Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 4:45 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, Rob Kiefer, and John Monarski Others present: Police Lt. Dave BeBeau, Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer, Director of Chippewa Falls Main Street Teri Ouimette, Dawn Bye of Bye the Willow, Steve Harmon,

The meeting was called to order at 4:51 pm.

and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

1. Discuss request of Dawn Bye of Bye the Willow to deviate from Code Section, §12.03 (6) of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code relative to fencing in Outdoor Beer Gardens. Possible recommendations to Council.

Motion by Ford/King to recommend Council approve the request of Dawn Bye of Bye the Willow to deviate from Code Section, §12.03 (6) of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code to install 5' fencing in her beer garden. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

2. Discuss limited hour parking enforcement concerns in the downtown area. Possible recommendations to Council.

Steve Harmon, owner of three buildings on Bridge Street, appeared to express his concerns with parking in the downtown area. Discussion was had relative to many of the downtown parking stalls being used by employees as opposed to customers patronizing the downtown businesses. The Committee discussed possible solutions including increasing the fees for parking tickets, enforcing the two-hour parking earlier in the day, and working with downtown business owners to ensure their employees are utilizing the long-term parking lots. Following additional discussion, it was suggested that Chippewa Falls Main Street Director Ouimette meet with businesses to determine how much of an issue parking is for them, consider 15-minute parking stalls on either side of the loading zone on Central Street, and ask the contractors working on construction of the hotel to utilize parking lots as opposed to the 2-hour stalls. This topic will be brought back before the Committee at the next meeting.

No action taken.

3. Discuss speed study in the W Elm Street neighborhood including safe routes to school recommendations, potential speed boards, and feasibility of placing a pedestrian crossing at Hilary Street and Elm Street at the walking path. Possible recommendations to Council.

City Engineer Rubenzer advised that the preliminary speed study data has been gathered, but is not ready to report at this time. The Police Department has received their speed display board that was purchased through grant funding. It is a solar board with nine brackets so it can be moved to numerous locations throughout the City. Rubenzer will bring the speed study and various recommendations back to the Committee for consideration once they are complete.

No action taken.

4. Discuss draft ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Creating the Chronic Nuisance Premises Code Section of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code - §10.067 of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. Possible recommendations to Council.

Police Lt. BeBeau reviewed the ordinance with the Committee including addressing the need for implementing the ordinance. Councilor Olson expressed concern with the "Notice" section of the ordinance and felt that the definition of enforcement action should not include the issuance of a written or verbal warning.

Motion by Ford/King to recommend Council adopt An Ordinance Creating the Chronic Nuisance Premises Code Section of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code - §10.067 of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. All present voting aye, except Olson who voted nay, motion carried.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Ford/King to adjourn at 6:02 pm. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Paul Olson, Chair