



Minutes
Committee #3

Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic

Committee #3 met Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Council/Committee Members present: Bill Hicks, CW King, Mike Hanke, Jane Lardahl, and George Adrian. Others present: Mayor Greg Hoffman, Fire Chief Tom Larson, City Planner/Transit Manager Jayson Smith, Rick Schunk of Felbers and Friends, Carl Loff of Central Lutheran Church, and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

The meeting was called to order at 9:56 am, following the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Item 1 Discuss and consider sign variance request from Rick Schunk of Felbers and Friends located at 223 S Grove Street. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Motion by Hanke/Hicks to approve the sign variance request from Rick Schunk of Felbers and Friends located at 223 S Grove Street with the understanding that illuminating the sign would require reapplication and approval. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Item 2 Discuss and consider Extended Contract for Statewide Structural Collapse Team Members between the State of Wisconsin, Department of Military Affairs Division of Emergency Management, and the City of Chippewa Falls. Possible recommendations to the Council.

Fire Chief Larson explained that this is a renewal contract for a program that we have been participating in for approximately nine years. The Department reaps the benefit of excellent training at no cost, and individuals attending the training are then able to educate remaining staff.

Motion by King/Hanke to approve the Extended Contract for Statewide Structural Collapse Team Members between the State of Wisconsin, Department of Military Affairs Division of Emergency Management, and the City of Chippewa Falls. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Item 3 Discuss options regarding disposition of two lots on Columbia Street that Mason Companies donated to the City (see attachment). Possible recommendations to the Council.

Smith advised that the City is in possession of the two lots on Columbia Street and has paid the special assessments with the intent that the lots would be sold. Pederson-Volker originally expressed interest in the lots, but is no longer interested. Smith sent notices to adjacent property owners advising that these lots will not be maintained by the City. Smith received a call from the Post Office indicating they are interested in continued use of the lots with the condition that they would maintain them.

Currently, the lots are utilized by the Post Office staff, Pederson-Volker, and Central Lutheran Church. Carl Loff of Central Lutheran appeared stating that the church had a long-standing agreement with Mason Companies that they could utilize the parking lots with the condition that they provide the maintenance (plowing, etc.). The City was not previously aware of this agreement. Additional discussion ensued regarding lease and purchase possibilities.

Motion by King/Hanke that the lots be sold to Central Lutheran Church in the amount of \$750.00 per year for a total of 25 years, with the option to prepay on the part of Central Lutheran Church if desired, and with the understanding that Central Lutheran Church will maintain, insure, and assume all liability for the lots. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Item 4 Adjournment.

Motion by Hanke/Hicks to adjourn at 10:27 am. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by:
Bill Hicks, Chair