

# PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

April 5, 2023

The Committee met at 5:00 p.m. in Room 2044 of the Municipal Building. Members present were Alderpersons Davis, Schmid, Licht and Smith. Also, in attendance were Assistant Police Chief Olsen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Holloway, and Street Division Operations Manager Stacy Winkelman. The following citizens were present: Pete Moe and Robert Johnson.

1. **Roll Call:** All Committee members were present.
2. **Receive comments from the public:** No person wished to speak at this opportunity in the agenda, but preferred to wait until their item of interest was being considered.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the February 1, 2023 meeting had already been presented to the City Council without correction so those minutes were simply noted at this point in the agenda.

Agenda Item C, without objection, was moved up for the convenience of those attending the meeting.

- 4.C Review and take possible action: Truck Concerns on West Street, Dayton Street, and Benton Street.** Alderman Licht received citizen concerns regarding semi-truck traffic on West, Dayton and Benton Streets. The concerns are in two areas: 1) Trucks missing the turn into Pepsi and using neighboring streets to turn their trucks around to re-enter West Street and the Pepsi entrance. Residents claim this has been happening quite frequently for at least six months and 2) Semi-trucks traveling east on West Street are using their Jake brakes near residential streets. The concerned citizens, some of whom spoke at our meeting, are recommending both "No Truck" signs at the entrance to the residential streets and "No Jake Breaks" in the same areas. After substantial discussion between Committee members, city staff, and the citizens present, it was the consensus that an initial approach should be contact by the police with area industries to gain voluntary cooperation. Alderman Schmid made a motion to that effect, seconded by Alderman Licht. The motion passed unanimously. **ACTION: None is required other than the police contacts referenced above.**

- 4.A Review and take possible action: Amend Chapter 500-7, Temporary Restricted Parking.** The City can claim phosphorus reduction credit through its leaf collection program but the City is required to have parking removal provisions in Ordinance form. A draft Ordinance change was considered by the Committee. Ald. Schmid made a motion, seconded by Ald. Licht, to adopt the proposed Ordinance. This motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: An ordinance will be presented.**

- 4.B Review and take possible action: Pavement marking request at W. Milwaukee Street & S. Washington Street Intersection.** The Police Department received a request for crosswalk striping at the intersection of W. Milwaukee Street and Washington Street. To proceed to implement this request would require an engineering study because the intersection is not at a signalized intersection or on approaches controlled by stop or yield signs. The Police Department reported only one accident at this intersection in the past 10 years. The Engineering Department is recommending that this request be denied, noting that there are marked crossings at S. Church Street and S. Water Street, just one block to the east and west. Ald. Licht made a motion, seconded by Ald. Davis, to deny the requested crosswalks. This motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: No action is necessary.**

- 4.D Review and take possible action: Adopt Street Light checklist.** The City receives numerous requests for adding street lights at locations throughout the City. Until now there has been no set criteria to evaluate the merits of the requests. The Engineering Department drafted and presented a "Street Light Checklist" for review, discussion, and possible adoption by the Committee. The Committee was very favorable to both the Checklist approach as well as its steps/considerations. Ald. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ald. Licht, to adopt the Checklist without modification. This motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: No additional action is necessary.**

- 4.E Review and take possible action: Street Light request for the 800 block of West Street.** Engineering received a request from the resident of 838 West Street for a street light near their residence. Using the newly adopted Checklist for Street Lights, this property was very close to existing lights on both sides and did not qualify. Ald. Schmid made a motion, seconded by Ald. Davis, to deny the requested street light. This motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: No further action is necessary.**

There being no additional business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Alderperson Licht, seconded by Alderperson Davis, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Smith, Chairman