

DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

2:30 pm IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

Lower Level, Room 0041, City Hall, 106 Jones St, Watertown, WI

By Phone or GoToMeeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/471703029>

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1. Call to order at 2:32 pm.
 - a. Attendance- Present: Becker, McFarland, Holloway, Lampe, Hoffman, Beyer, Moldenhauer, Grinwald, Mazzoni, and Citizen John Katisch. Virtual: Smith, Elias, Absent: Salas & Board
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes 6.28.23 **Motioned by Lampe; seconded by McFarland; carried unanimously.**
3. Opening for public comment
 - a. John Katisch questioned whether the water main, storm sewer, or sanitary would be replaced.
 - i. Jaynellen replied the sanitary is like new because it's lined. Eventually they will look into replacing them.
 - ii. Emily said the city is testing its ability to see if they can cover the maintenance costs instead of the property owners.
4. Old Business
 - a. Public/business input session update – Reminder: Lunch and Learn scheduled Sept. 27, 2023 at the library
 - i. Input for Mayor McFarland on what topics she should be sure to touch on:
 1. Accessibility to businesses, one-way streets, uniform signage for back of buildings, timeline, and the state will hold public information meetings.
 - ii. Chamber will promote through newspaper, social media, and newsletter.
 - b. Update on landscape architect (Vandewalle & Associates/Ruekert & Mielke)
 - i. Review of submittals to DOT and concept map
 1. Map shows bump outs, plantings, curb cutouts, entry features, design, and signs. Kiosk to go halfway point of downtown.
 2. Letter tells the signals will remain, 3rd & 4th St will stay one-way, and hopefully eliminate smaller one-ways
 - ii. Upcoming items
 1. Oct. 6 is the deadline for next set of deliverable from landscape architect.
 2. Jaynellen proposed the conduit be placed during construction and not at a later date. **Motioned by Moldenhauer; seconded by Hoffman; carried unanimously.**
 3. Going with galvanized trombone for the signal arms. (cost to the DOT) **Motioned by Hoffman; seconded by Moldenhauer; carried with opposition from Grinwald and Lampe.**
 - c. Business visits – Feedback from members on visits so far
 - i. Accessibility to businesses
 - ii. Bridge work
5. New Business
 - a. Next newsletter: Scheduled for September. Discussion on content for next newsletter
 - i. To go out mid Sept.
 - ii. Task Force member photo/ design photos

- iii. Lunch and Learn
 - iv. Awareness of bridge
 - v. TWall plan updates
 - vi. lampposts
 - b. Discuss moving to bi-monthly meetings
 - i. Everyone is okay with this
6. Next meeting date: TBD- Lunch & Learn is Sept. Looking at October (what's in the budget).
7. Adjournment
- a. **Motion to adjourn by Lampe; seconded by Grinwald; carried unanimously at 3:41 pm.**