

## DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

2:30 pm IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

Room 2044, City Hall, 106 Jones St, Watertown, WI

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1. Call to order at 2:32 pm.
  - a. Attendance- Present: Mason Becker, Andrew Beyer, Ald. Board, Laurie Hoffman and Ald. Moldenhauer. Mike Trego and Andy Grinwald at 2:33pm.  
Also present: Nathan Williams, Maureen McBroom, and a resident.  
Virtual: Steph Mazzoni, Michele Elias, Ryan Wagner (left at 3:00 PM), and Amber Smith joined at 3:05pm  
Absent: Mayor McFarland
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
  - a. Approval of Minutes 1.28.25  
**Motioned by Board, seconded by Moldenhauer, carried unanimously.**
3. Opening for public comment.
  - a. Question about whether the contractor would be doing an assessment on the conditions of the buildings
    - i. Andrew said it would be worth asking.
    - ii. Ald. Board said the DOT would be doing formal testing
    - iii. Will follow up on this
  - b. Question about who is liable for what expenses. Especially the sidewalk
    - i. Andrew said the city is responsible for the sidewalk
    - ii. The main sewer line from street to property is the city, the lateral from private property to the building is the owner's responsibility.
4. Old Business
  - a. Main Street bridge closure update- Beyer/ McFarland
    - i. Meeting with the DOT weekly on Wednesdays. Still on track for late April opening.
    - ii. The deck was poured last week and it's curing. Starting to work on the west side of the street. Curb and gutter to be poured tomorrow, and next week the bridge sidewalk will be worked on.
  - b. Alleyway update
    - i. Design is being worked through. This will be behind Bismarck's between First and Second Streets. Repairing the storm sewer. There will be access to the businesses.
    - ii. Mid-to-late summer timeline for construction.
    - iii. Leadership Watertown is working on their part in the same area. Andrew will meet with them to make sure there are no conflicts.
5. New Business
  - a. WisDOT and city team meeting update
    - i. The construction will be divided up by a western and eastern portion. (not sure if Church St to the bridge is a separate section) Follow up on this.
    - ii. It should start in spring and open in fall.
    - iii. There should be an updated drawing in the plans. Andrew will check on timing.
  - b. Discussion of cross street closures

- i. Certain crossroads will stay open during construction. Need to be specified yet. Traffic count and impact will make the decision.
  - ii. Waiting on the traffic data once the bridge opens. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will go to one-way after reconstruction.
- c. Information from other communities
  - i. Waiting for Beaver Dam to get back to Mason.
  - ii. Mason did connect with Lake Mills on their reconstruction.
    - 1. A lot of what is recommended we have already done
    - 2. Communication is the key.
    - 3. They hired a PT project liaison to be the point person between the city staff, EMS, business owners & construction/DOT, and make sure the project is on time and being done correctly. Mason will follow up with them to get a job description for this position.
    - 4. Put out a requirement in the contract that the businesses need to have front entrance access.
    - 5. The sidewalk will be paid for by the state.
    - 6. Put in the special provisions in the contract that the utility can not be shut off without notice.
    - 7. Have hard copy maps of alternative routes and parking to hand out. Laurie will look into seeing if google maps has options.
- d. Review and possible action: block IDs.
  - i. There are people that like them and some that don't. We can proceed with them and then cut later on or cut now.  
**Motion by Laurie to cut them, seconded by Moldenhauer. After more discussion the vote did not have majority favor to pass (failed 3-4). Will table until next meeting to get more information from more people**
- e. Update on silva cells and street trees
  - i. Silva cells were removed due to the potential of utility conflicts.
  - ii. Trees were picked by forester and are at the state for review.
  - iii. Pavers may be changed due to underground infrastructure also.
- f. Update on newsletter-ideas for next one
  - i. Wait for schedule to be out before saying anything specific about sections.
  - ii. Bridge update
  - iii. Tree update
  - iv. Input for block signs. (possible FB poll)
  - v. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> St two way.
- g. Downtown Business Meet-up status
  - i. Still no director has been hired
  - ii. Mason will give an update 4/28 at Main St. Matters forum. (bring newsletters)
- h. Update on Watertown Main Street WEDC Grant application
  - i. Didn't get awarded the grant but will explore other options
- 6. Confirm next meeting date:
  - a. Regular meeting date: May 27, 2025, at 2:30pm
  - b. Adjournment at 3:40 pm **Motioned by Moldenhauer, seconded by Trego, carried unanimously**