

# Street and Alley Committee Meeting

## Agenda

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

5:15PM

Present: Tami Christensen, Janet Sergent, Bryan Gartner

Absent: None

Visitors:

Mayor Norby, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, PWD Hintz, Chief Kraft, Kehanna Johnston

**Due to the current COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic and rising cases in Richland County, the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting of the Sidney City Council Street and Alley Committee will be held via phone conference only. The public is invited to participate in the meeting by calling 1 (646) 749-3122, access code 303-810-397.**

**Rules of the Meeting:** Mayor Norby will take roll call at the beginning of the meeting, if you join after this has happened please announce you are present for official minutes. Mayor Norby will call for public comment, then Council member comment, then ask for a motion on each agenda item. If you are calling for an item not listed on the agenda, you will be asked to speak under visitors. Please announce your name prior to making comment, do not speak over or at the same time as others, and keep your phone on mute when not making comment.

### **1. 4-way stop by West Side School at 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> :**

Alderwoman Christensen wanted to clarify that this is the road between church and school, which Chief Kraft confirmed. Mrs. Johnston stated in the mornings between 7:45 and 8:00 am parents are rushing and its chaotic in that area and something needs to be done for safety such as an officer right on that corner, stop sign, or a yield sign. Mayor Norby asked if 5<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> worse, and Mrs. Johnston stated 11<sup>th</sup> as no one yields from that street. Alderwoman Christensen asked if there was a yield sign there, and PWD Hintz stated there is not. Mayor Norby stated he felt a 4 way stop at that intersection would not be the best option, and would rather see yield signs installed. Chief Kraft stated a 4 way stop that close to school with buses would cause more congestion and problem than it would solve, but that yield signs would be reasonable measure and evaluate how those work and if helps.

Alderwoman Sergent made a motion to recommend installing yield signs on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> both north and south, and Alderman Gartner seconded. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

### **2. Parking request-west side of the 400 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SW (Peoples Congregational Church):**

Chief Kraft stated he received a call from a member of the Peoples Congregational Church, over the years they have parked diagonally in front of building on Sundays. It is not stripped but is wide enough for the angled parking. He stated they have been having problems recently within the last year with their neighbor across street parking pickup and trailer parallel to curb on Sundays, prohibiting their diagonal parking. The diagonal allows closer parking for elderly and they are requesting stripping just in that location in front of them to try to assist with this issue. Chief Kraft with them having been doing it for years, adding formality to it will not hurt anything. He further stated the Church has made numerous attempts to resolve this, with no luck. Alderwoman Christensen asked who is responsible for paying for it or if it costs enough to matter? PWD Hintz stated the initial set-up will cost between \$300-\$600 including paint and time to get it laid out and painted but that it shouldn't be a hard one to set up. Alderman Gartner stated he felt it made sense to give definition to what has always been done. PWD Hintz stated he has no issue other than they more than likely won't be able to do it until spring, due to weather.

Alderwoman Sergent stated she will be abstaining from any voting on this item. Motion was made to recommend approval of the stripping of the diagonal parking when the City crew can by Alderwoman Christensen and Alderman Gartner seconded. Alderwoman Sergent abstained and the rest voted aye.

**3. Parking Commission Code 2-8-1 to 4:**

Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated with the Council sending the People’s Congregational Church parking issue to the Parking Commission, and with them not having met in quite a while, she pulled their code to make sure the board members will still appropriately appointed. She stated they have been working with the board being made of the Mayor, Chief of Police, Public Works Director and one member from the public. In reviewing the code, it is obvious that the code calls for 6 members from the public, no city staff. She stated she would like to have City Attorney Kalil review the code, as the last time it was updated was in 1978, but also wanted clarification from the City Council on how they would like the board members to be apprised, if it is legally possible to vary from the 6 members of the public. Alderman Christensen stated she has no issue with the Chief, Mayor, Public Works Director and 3 members of the public. PWD Hintz stated he feels it is very important with the issues that will be presented that the Chief, Public Works Director and Fire Marshal are all represented. Mayor Norby stated the Fire Marshal should be on the board in place of the Mayor.

It was the General Consensus of the Street and Alley Committee to have City Attorney Kalil review the Parking Commission Code and see if it is possible to change the members to be the Chief of Police, Public Works Director, Fire Marshal and 3 members of the public, and report back directly to the City Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

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Jessica Chamberlin, City Clerk

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Tami Christensen, Committee Chair