



**Village of Mount Pleasant
Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes**

November 8, 2018

Committee Members Present: B. Eastman, F. Risler, S. Havn, J. Schneider

Committee Members Excused: J. Kusters

Staff: M. Benish, T. Beyer, L. Weber

Other: M. Soens, J. Feucht, M. Murphy, J. Hewitt

1. **Call to Order** – Public Works Committee was called to order by B. Eastman at 9:00am.

Roll Call: J. Kusters excused

2. **Public Comments** – None

3. **Adoption of Public Works Committee October 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes** - S. Havn motioned to approve the October 11, 2018 meeting minutes, F. Risler seconded. Motioned carried 3-0, J. Schneider abstained

4. **An Ordinance Amending Section 78-142 of the Mount Pleasant Code of Ordinances Relating to Parking Restriction-Sunnyslope Drive near Washington Avenue**

Trucks and buses park along the curb of Sunnyslope Drive, near McDonalds, and block the view of traffic in the area causing a traffic hazard. Suggestion is to replace the 2-hour parking restriction along Sunnyslope Drive with new signage stating, "No Parking of Trucks or Buses". Mount Pleasant Police Department has monitored this intersection and pulled statistics for the area; there are known problems with the intersection, particularly traffic turning onto Sunnyslope Drive from Washington Avenue.

Removing the 2-hour limit entirely may result in the long term parking of cars along the street, and the recommendation is to leave the current 2-hour parking limit in place, and install new additional signage specifically for trucks and buses.

S. Havn motioned to approve an ordinance amending section 78-142 of the Mount Pleasant Code of Ordinances relating to the parking restriction on Sunnyslope Drive near Washington Avenue, J. Schneider seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

5. **Consideration of Passing Lane and No Parking Zones-Emmertsen Road Reconstruction**

R.A. Smith would like to discuss options in the traffic patterns, particularly in front of the school, for the Emmertsen Road reconstruction project, and is seeking Village support for the final decision.

J. Feucht – R.A. Smith completed an onsite study of traffic near the school and discussed traffic planning with the school principal. Since the school entrances and exits are high traffic intersections, the preferred design will limit roadside parking in this area to accommodate car lanes for turning and a bypass. This will allow for traffic to move more efficiently and safely through the school zone. This design does not change the planned profile of the road, only the lane markings are altered.

The Committee recommends that the plan is posted publicly to the Mount Pleasant website so that residents can view the plans and contact the Village with questions or concerns.

6. Possible Sidewalk Replacement-2300 Block of Howe Street

Much of the sidewalk along the west side of Howe Street, between 24th Street and 23rd Street, is cracked or damaged. There are large mature trees along this sidewalk that have contributed to the damage. The sidewalk is in need of repair, and it is recommended that the trees and their roots be removed before a new sidewalk is installed.

Per the Village Ordinance, repair of the sidewalks is the responsibility of the owner or agent of each lot or parcel of land in front of which the repair is required.

Since most of the sidewalk in the area is in need of replacement, it may be most cost effective to hire a contractor to install a new sidewalk as a single job, rather than having each of the affected homeowners try to contract the work individually.

The Committee recommends drafting a letter to the affected residents outlining the necessary work and the two options available: Owners can hire individual contractors to replace the sections they are responsible for, or the Village can hire a contractor for the full sidewalk replacement and assess the cost back to the benefiting property owners.

7. Committee and Staff Reports

- None

8. Adjourn: B. Eastman motioned to adjourn at 9:52am, F. Risler seconded. Motion carried 4-0.