

CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN
FEBRUARY 25, 2019 HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Health & Safety committee was held, Monday, February 25, 2019, Municipal Building, 800 Borner Street, Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to Order: Alderperson Otwell called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. Members present included Bailey Ruona and Maureen Otwell. Joshua Gergen arrived at 5:20 pm. Also present Mayor David Hovel. Chief of Police, Eric Michaels and City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Ruona/Otwell motion to approve minutes for September 5, 2018 passed without a negative voice vote.

City Administrator Jayne Brand presented information regarding the speed limits on Highway 10/29/35 within the city limits. There have been concerns expressed regarding the speed limit on Highway 10 and 29 being 55 miles per hour especially with the new high school going in on Dexter Street and with Eagle Ridge Drive and North Acres Road both coming out on Highway 29. There have been preliminary discussions with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) in lowering these speed limits. The DOT stated they would look at the speed limits but they would need to do a traffic study before they could make a decision on changing the speed limits. The committee reviewed the state statutes and would like to have the speed limit lowered to 35 mph based on the state statutes. The committee feels there is a safety issue and they don't want to wait to have the speed limited determined by the number of accidents. There was also discussion to have the speed limit set at 25 mph on Highway 35 heading east from the downtown area. The speed limit currently goes from 25 mph to 35 mph for a short distance and then back to 25 mph. The city would like to see this entire area be 25 mph. There was question about enforcement. Chief Michaels stated they would start out with warnings and then issue citations after a period of time. It was suggested that red flags be added to the speed limit signs to bring more attention to them. **Ruona/Otwell motion to recommend a resolution be brought to Council for change in speed limits on Highway 10/29/35 passed without a negative voice vote.**

The committee discussed crosswalks on Hwy 10/29. The committee discussed looking at several areas along Highway 10 including by Dexter Street close to the High School, across Highway 10 so it would connect with the existing sidewalk along UNFI and also at the stoplights. The committee felt the best place to cross would be at the stoplights. The stoplights could be upgraded to add pedestrian crossing buttons. The committee also agreed there should be a multi-purpose trail from the crosswalk up to the entrances of North Acres Road and Eagle Ridge Drive. At this intersection a crosswalk would be created at Highway 29. **Gergen/Otwell motion to recommend a resolution be brought to Council to request the crosswalks at the stoplights on Highway and at Eagle**

Ridge Drive and North Acres Road intersection across Highway passed without a negative voice vote.

The committee discussed the issues with the traffic flow at Eagle Ridge Drive and Highway 10. There have been a number of vehicles who are coming out of Eagle Ridge Drive and taking a left turn onto Highway 10. Other vehicles are coming up Highway 10 and taking a left turn onto Highway 10. Chief Michaels stated there have been three (3) semi-trucks have taken the turn and have gotten stuck in the grass area on the opposite side of Highway 10. These semi-trucks had to be pulled out with a tow truck and this can take up to six (6) hours. The committee was informed there had been markers put in the middle of Highway 10 in the first summer the project was completed. They were requested again for this summer but were not put in. There was discussion if additional concrete could be put in the middle of the Highway in order to stop the illegal turns. The committee felt it may be hard to snow plow. There was a suggestion to put metal posts with the metal red diamonds. **Otwell/Ruona motion to recommend a resolution be brought to Council for the placement of metal posts with metal red diamonds be placed on Highway 10 the length of the Eagle Ridge Drive intersection.**

Other Business: The committee had a short discussion on possible flooding. Staff was directed to contact the Emergency Management Director of Pierce County for additional information they can provide on possible flooding.

Gergen/Otwell motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator