

**UNABRIDGED MAY 18, 2009 SPECIAL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the Prescott City Council was held Monday, May 18, 2009 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St. Prescott, WI 54021

Call to Order/Roll Call: Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Julie Arndtson, Eddy Wuorenma Mark Huber, Clair Eaton and Rob Daugherty. Jimmy O'Brien. was absent. City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh, Public Works Director Jerry Killian and Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also present Dave Schofield, City Engineer.

City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh informed the council who the city has gotten to this point. In 2001-2003 DOT hired a consultant to review the expansions of Hwy 10, 29 and 35. Expansions of these highways will depend on traffic growth and safety issues. DOT and the consultant, Bonestroo developed a conceptual layout for expansion, prepared a memorandum of understanding that was signed by Clifton, Oak Grove and Pierce County. The City of Prescott refused to sign the memorandum. The primary issue that the city did not sign the memorandum appeared to have been the closing of Orrin Road at Campbell Street, which would significantly affect the businesses on Orrin Road. With the new business park and wanting to sell land, staff feels that we really need to have discussions with the DOT now.

City Engineer Dave Schofield discussed the difference in official mapping and the comprehensive planning. Official mapping sets aside the corridor.

Staff feels that the city has several options on this issue. The city can move forward and do nothing. Request a study and include the items of concerns of the city and residents or request the study from the DOT but not offer any concerns.

Neil Durhman questioned the outlet for North Acres Road moved to the north. It has always been the thought to have the business park align with the North Acres Road. Durhman also stated that moving the outlet to the north would be difficult with the infrastructure being in the current roadway. Durhman would like to see the outlet remain as it is. He also commented that there is not a lot of stacking distance on Canton Street and North Acres Road.

Ron Murphy of Cernohous Chevrolet commented that in 2003 the Clemons house was on the historical register so the DOT did not want to move the highway to the north. Murphy stated that Orrin Road needs to be maintained open at Campbell Street.

Administrator Frueh stated that the DOT did not feel that moving the highway to the north there would still be enough room between Highway 10 and Orrin Road.

Mike Ptacek of Ptacek's IGA stated that by closing Orrin Road at Campbell Street you would be creating a dead end and this would not be good for the businesses on Orrin Road.

Ron Murphy commented on moving the cross road from Orrin to Henry Street would only shift the problem to Henry Street.

Mike Ptacek commented that he is not worried about deliveries getting to his business as he is the customers getting to the business.

It was suggested that the highway could be realigned to the east and leave the current highway as a bypass.

Alderson Arndtson stated that something needs to be done to make Orrin Road safer.

Cindy Bogess of M & I Bank stated that there are safety concerns on Campbell Street also and asked if the traffic was directed to Canton Street would there be stop lights placed at Canton Street.

Mike Black representing Royal Oaks questioned the difference between official mapping and the comprehensive plan. Black stated that he feels it is good to plan. Black stated that the survey that was recorded has accesses proposed for right in – right out turn lanes on Highway 10. If you don't have good access it is not good for commercial businesses stated Black. He also felt that it could be a long time before the traffic counts reach what the DOT is looking for. Black stated that they would like to have the city give support to planning that has already been done by Royal Oaks. Accessibility decreases the value of the property stated Black. Black also stated that the traffic can be calmed by lower the speed limit.

Brad Miller of River Valley Nursery stated that Highway 29 should be relocated to the east and an overpass created at Campbell Street.

Alderson Wuorenma questioned if there would need to be some sort of traffic control on Hwy 10/29/35. City Engineer Dave Schofield stated that they could look at possible round about in that area.

The issues that were brought forward were summarized as:

1. Campbell/Orrin Streets intersection
2. Leave North Acres Road outlet as currently platted and developed
3. Memorize the Dexter Street approval
4. Allow right in, right out in the business park
5. Stop lights at Canton Street
6. Relocate 29/35 to the East
7. Access for customers verses delivery trucks

**Arndtson/Daugherty motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand