

# STREET COMMISSION

## CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the January 26, 2010, Meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS:	Jim Abbott	Charles Bricher
	Gary Wodele	Jerry Jones
	Brad Thimmesch	
STAFF:	Tony Johnson – Street Superintendent	
	Sue Schamaun	

The Regular Meeting of the Street Commission was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 3:00 pm at the City Hall and was called to order by Commissioner Bricher at 3:00 p.m.

Roll call found all Commissioners present except Commissioner Abbott.

Tony brought forward Grant Boulevard railroad crossing. Commissioner Bricher stated he would like to meet with the Police Chief to get accident reports for the last three years both at Grant Blvd. and Hwy. 61 and incident reports for people driving down the railroad tracks. He stated in one week there were two people who drove down the railroad tracks. Further, the county engineer informed Commissioner Bricher and City Administrator, David Schmidt that if the City Council adopted a resolution to make a change in this area, they would support it. Commissioner Bricher also stated if the road was redirected, it would change the intersection at Hwy. 61 where there has also been a problem with people being rear ended while waiting to turn left onto Grant Blvd. It was determined to table this issue until the next meeting.

Commissioner Bricher brought forward Library/City parking lot snow removal and stated he has received a couple of calls. He suggested plowing this parking lot the same time the streets are being plowed and redirect parking to under the bridge and then the next day they could resume parking in the Library/City parking lot while under the bridge and other 72 hour parking areas were plowed. It was determined that if this was changed, new signage would have to be erected and police would have to ticket and vehicles would have to be towed. It was determined to leave the City parking as is and if it becomes problematic in the future, it could be looked at again.

Commissioner Bricher brought forward moving a lamp post at 318 Lawrence Boulevard. Tony stated the new owner of this property is going to move this house and build a new house. He is requesting the lamp post be moved to the corner of his property 50 feet upriver. Tony further stated he informed the property owner the cost of moving the lamp post would be the property owner's expense. After discussion, Commissioners Thimmesch and Wodele moved to allow the property owner of 318 Lawrence Boulevard to move a lamp post 50 feet upriver at the owner's expense and at Tony Johnson, Street Superintendent's, specifications. Adopted unanimously.

Tony informed the Commissioners to be in compliance with OSHA, his department needs to purchase storage compartments for flammable liquid and provided Commissioners with two quotes. After reviewing the quotes, Commissioners Wodele and Bricher moved to approve the purchase of 90 gallon storage compartments for flammable liquid at the lowest quoted price of \$1,498.13. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Bricher brought forward the City's snow plowing policy and downtown plowing. It was stated Councilperson Schmidt asked for consideration of instead of towing vehicles and ticket vehicles at a higher rate. It was determined it would be cost prohibitive due to having to come back with the equipment and also it would leave 4-5 spots affected. After discussion, Commissioners Jones and Wodele moved to leave the City's snow plowing policy 'as is'. The motion was adopted unanimously.

A letter was brought forward from Mr. Dietrich Flesch, Wabasha County Engineer, in reference to County Road 76 and requesting a meeting to discuss changing the road authority from Wabasha County to the City of Wabasha on segments of County Road 76 with the City of Wabasha. It was reported a meeting between the Mayor, Commissioner Bricher and City Administrator, David Schmidt was being arranged.

Commissioner Bricher distributed new parking permits for visitors of the National Eagle Center. It was suggested to maybe add to the new City website under the parking section.

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 3:48 pm.

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Susan Schamaun, City Clerk