

# STREET COMMISSION

## CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the May 31, 2011, Meeting:

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

The Regular Meeting of the Street Commission was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, 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.

**Commissioners Abbott and Wodele moved to approve the amended April 26, 2011 minutes. Adopted unanimously.**

### **Children At Play Sign Request at 1211 Rustic Lane:**

Tony reported he received a letter from Mr. Paul Cushman and Ms. Ruth Tiffault about installing a Children At Play sign in the front of their property at 1211 Rustic Lane. He and his wife have six children between the ages of 5 and 11. The letter also stated the neighbor has grandchildren over quite frequently also.

Commissioner Wodele recommended if there are any Children At Play signs in other locations that are no longer needed due to the children being grown up and moved away, to just relocate one of those signs to Rustic Lane.

It was also reported Mr. Paul Cushman and Ms. Ruth Tiffault moved from Coulee Way where they had requested a Children At Play sign for that location. A sign was installed on Coulee Way based on their request.

After discussion, Commissioners Pfeilsticker and Wodele moved to relocate the Children At Play sign at Coulee Way to 1211 Rustic Lane until the sign needs to be replaced per the Reflectivity requirements and re-evaluate the need for that sign at that time. Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Abbott, Pfeilsticker, Wodele, Bricher

Nays: None

Abstain: Thimmesch

### **Proposed 2011 Street Project Update:**

Commissioner Bricher reported Council has been struggling with how to pay for street repairs. He also reported that he will propose to go with the amended Local Improvement Policy which states street projects be assessed at 30% and water/sewer projects be assessed at 40%. The three

streets identified for repair first are East Main Street, Alleghany Avenue and Washington/10<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Commissioner Bricher stated he would like a recommendation from the Street Commission for the Council in reference to the proposed Street Project.

Commissioner Abbott stated everyone he has spoken to 100% wants streets fixed and wants the whole City to pay for it with no assessments.

Commissioner Wodele stated it is not the Street Commission's responsibility to determine how to pay for street repairs. It is the Council's decision. He further stated he would recommend the Council fix the three streets in the proposed 2011 Street Project.

Commissioner Thimmesch stated Twelfth Street is a heavily traveled road and a large percentage of people in town drive on Twelfth Street. He wondered if it is fair that they should have to pay for the wear and tear on their street because they live on Twelfth Street. He stated their street would last a lot longer if it didn't have all that traffic.

Commissioner Pfeilsticker stated he has heard from people that they want the streets fixed and they want everyone to pay for it. He stated it needs to get done.

Commissioner Wodele stated the street repair project needs to go forward.

Commissioners concurred Council was elected to decide these types of matters and right or wrong, they have to go through with it and felt the whole city should pay for the project. Also, there is going to be a tax no matter what you do, so just move forward. Finally, the Commissioners felt Commissioner Bricher should remind Council they were elected to run the City in a responsible manner and the City's infrastructure needs to be kept up and running.

**Commissioners Thimmesch and Pfeilsticker moved to recommend Council move forward this year with fixing the City streets. Adopted unanimously.**

**Alley Behind River City Hair Salon (widening):**

Tony reported there is a patch of grass behind Dave Meyer's property that is encroaching in the City's Right-of-Way and the alley is actually getting re-routed with people having to almost drive up on the cement of the hair salon to get through. He stated he would like to widen this area back out and put down crushed rock. After discussion, the Street Commission directed Tony to draft a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Dave Meyer informing them of the Street Department's intent of re-creating the City's Right-of-Way and also of the intent of putting down crushed rock.

At 3:48 pm, Commissioners Wodele and Pfeilsticker moved to adjourn. Adopted unanimously.

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Susan Schamaun, City Clerk