

Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee

March 6, 2023

6:00pm - City Hall Council Chambers

Chairman Bacidore Called the Meeting to order at 6:30pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Bacidore, Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Absent: NONE

Others Present: Mayor Jeff Grove, Finance Director John Duncan, Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Director of Public Works Patrick Watson, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Economic Development Director Curt Bedei, City Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski, City Attorney James McPhedran, Police Chief Mike Smudzinski

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the minutes from February 21, 2023 meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Resident, Laura Pappas, at 432 Creve Couer spoke in regards to her request for a speed bump in the alley. She has lived there for 34 years and has not had a problem in her alleyway. She is having some trouble with neighbors that live Lafayette, flying through the alley. She has asked politely because of children present in the alley. Her concern is for her five children and other school children that use that alleyway also. She recalled a few, recent incidents where there were close call and her daughter and/or herself could have easily been hit.

Mayor Grove did ask if it was usually the same people. She stated that it was and they resided at 437 Lafayette.

She recalled this last incident occurring around 3 p.m. when school was letting out. She stated that her and her husband have tried to communicate with them a few times. She also has spoken to a family friend of the landlord to try to get them to speak with the residents because she is aware that there may be a language barrier. She mentioned that she has had to make police phone calls and she feels like now they are going faster once they see them getting out of their vehicles because they had placed phone calls to the police.

Chief Smudzinski said that he has been in communication with Mrs. Pappas and has been waiting for a phone call back from her to let him know that the van was there and he could go speak with the residents. He has dealt with the landlord in the past and Smudzinski said that both of them spoke about talking to the residents. He did mention that a couple young people do live there. Chief Smudzinski wants to try to speak with the residents first before any other action is taken.

Alderman Lavieri asked if Deputy Clerk Bader had a chance to speak with LRS and the issue with parked cars and the garbage containers. Bader said that he did speak with them briefly and they mentioned that they do make the attempt to get out of their truck to get to the garbage containers if possible.

Alderman Crane mentioned that he was contacted by two residents on North Joliet Street about a vehicle that is parked often on Walnut St. Crane stated that the complainant stated that there was a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign. It is no longer there. He believes that when they did the 351-curb work, the sign may have been taken down and never put back up again. Crane believes the issue to be when a car is heading north and goes to turn onto Walnut, but a car is at the stop sign to come onto St. Vincent's then it may be an issue.

Deputy Clerk Bader stated that he would look into and see if there was ordinance for this.

Alderman Lavieri asked that there would be a state law being too close to intersection.

Chief Smudzinski does believe that it would be an issue just based on the picture and what Alderman Crane stated.

Chairman Bacidore stated that this item will be on the agenda in two weeks for the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic committee.

Mayor Grove also mentioned a request from a resident on O'Connor Ave who would like to see a speed bump from Tonti to Crosat. Mayor informed the resident that they would need to come to the meeting in two weeks to present their case. Chairman Bacidore stated that this item will be on the agenda in two weeks for the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic committee.

LaSalle Resident, Jim Stevens, mentioned that he would like to see flashing red lights on top of the stop signs at 5th and Bucklin. Chairman Bacidore stated that this item will be on the agenda in two weeks for the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic committee.

There were no more questions or comments from the public.

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bacidore adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk