



Public Works Committee

Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Notice of Meeting

320 N Main St. Falls City, OR 97344

Committee Members

Mike McConnell - Tony Meier - Jeff Propp - Gordon Hanson - Guy Mack - Cliff Lauder - Tracy young

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Adopt the Entire Agenda
4. Consent Agenda - Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items
 - a. August 22, 2024 Minutes

Attachments:

- **Minutes** (UAB08-22-24.pdf)

5. Public Comments
6. New Business
7. Old Business
 - a. 4 Way Stop

Attachments:

- **Staff Report** (2024.11.21_SR_Proposed_4-way_Stop_Sign_on_Bridge_Street.pdf)
- **Exhibit A** (2024.11.21_SR_Exhibit_A_Proposed_4-way_Intersection.pdf)
- **Exhibit B** (2024.11.21_SR_Exhibit_B_UAB11-16-23.pdf)

8. Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports
9. Committee Announcements
10. Adjourn

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Committee Members Present

Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Tracy Young, Cliff Lauder, Jeff Propp, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack.

1) Call to Order

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, took roll call.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McConnell led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Motion to Adopt the entire Agenda

Member Young moved and Member Propp seconded: **that we approve the entire agenda with the addition of new water meter problems.** Motion carried 7-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Tracy Young, Cliff Lauder, Jeff Propp, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack.

4) Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

Member Meier moved and member Lauder seconded: **that we approve Consent Agenda Items, PWC Minutes May 16, 2024.** Motion carried 4-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Tracy Young, Guy Mack.

5) Public Comment

Community member, Steve McKee of East Avenue, expressed his concern that a plastic component of the new water meters might freeze and break during inclement weather. Member Young suggested that the City inform utility users of this possibility and that they might want to wrap their meter with some sort of insulation.

6) New Business

a. Park Bathroom Renovations

Some members of PWC were of the opinion that the City can not prevent vandalism no matter how much money you spend. PWC would like to tour the Upper (George Kitchen) Park during the next month to see what damage has been done and make recommendations at our next meeting. PWC members tentatively suggested trying:

1. Full time Park Attendant and locking the facilities when they are not present.
2. Metal covers for all product dispensers.
3. High quality video cameras.
4. Remove stall doors, replace with cloth/plastic.

b. Project Update - FYI

c. Problems with new water meters

Member Young informed PWC that she has heard that some of the newly installed water meters are leaking from a plastic component. Member Lauder moved and member Meier seconded: **that if the City is aware of any new water meters failing that they remove and replace said meters and send on or two to the supplier to determine what caused the malfunction.** Motion carried 7-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Tracy Young, Jeff Propp, Cliff Lauder, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack.

7) Old Business - None

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

a. Chair McConnell wonders what is going to happen with the old bridge that was replaced on Mitchell Street.

b. Chair McConnell informed the Committee that he had been asked by some community members why the Little Luckiamute has been green or muddied recently. He surveyed the work being done and discovered that riff raff has been being placed in the Little Luckiamute to expand a corner in the road.

c. Member Lauder asked that since Falls City Thrives owns the Old Clinic, why they don't maintain the landscape? Members Meier and Mack informed the Committee that to their knowledge the City, not Thrives, owns the property. Member Lauder stated that the City should do more maintenance so the property is more presentable.

d. Member Lauder questioned why the parking lot (fenced enclosure) at the FCRS was so large and was it going to be used for the unhoused. Member Meier informed the Committee that there was no intention for a homeless encampment and that the area would temporarily accommodate mobile Dental and Medical vehicles.

9) Committee Announcements

Next meeting to be held September 19, 2024 at 6:00pm.

10) Adjourn

Member Mack moved and member Lauder seconded: **that we adjourn** Motion carried 4-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Tracy Young, Jeff Propp, Cliff Lauder, Gordon Hanson, Guy Mack. Meeting adjourned at 7:05.

_____ Public Works Committee Chair McConnell

Attested: _____ Public Works Committee Member

STAFF REPORT

TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FROM: CITY MANAGER, AJ FOSCOLI
SUBJECT: PROPOSED 4-WAY STOP ON S. MAIN STREET/PARRY STREET AND BRIDGE STREET
DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2024

SUMMARY

The city is looking at reducing speeding along Bridge Street, especially at the intersection of S. Main Street/Parry Street and Bridge Street.

BACKGROUND

Though the city of Falls City has a contract for 25% FTE law enforcement with Polk County Sheriff's Office force, there are still several residents and non-residents who ignore posted speed signs. This happens in some parts of the city more than others. In the past, the city installed radar speed signs at both ends of N. Main Street near the school zone and this has had a positive effect in reducing speeding. This solution, though effective, is expensive and cannot be replicated easily throughout town. In order to reduce the speeding at one of the more speeding-prone intersections (S. Main Street/Parry Street and Bridge Street) a proposal to make this intersection into a 4-way stop has been submitted. Currently, traffic coming from N. Main Street, or from Chamberlain Rd (turns into Bridge Street) do not stop at that intersection, whereas traffic from S. Main Street and Parry have to stop. This change in traffic patterns within city limits is under the review of the Public Works Committee, with a final say from the City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If enacted, the change would entail the purchase of 2 Stop signs (\$125x2), and the staff time to install them, and potentially striping for crosswalks (\$150 in paint and labor) for a total cost of \$500 to the city.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A Intersection Map at S. Main Street/Parry Street and Bridge Street

Exhibit A



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Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Tracy Young, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack. Members absent Jeff Propp, Gordon Hanson, Tracy Young.

1) Call to Order

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM, took roll call.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McConnell led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Motion to Adopt the entire Agenda

Member Meier moved and member Lauder seconded: **that we approve the entire agenda.** Motion carried 4-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack.

4) Consent Agenda: Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items

Member Meier moved and member Mack seconded: **that we approve Consent Agenda Item, PWC Minutes October 19, 2023.** Motion carried 4-0-0. Ayes: Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack.

5) Public Comment - None

6) New Business

A. 4 Way Stop Intersection

PWC read the Staff Report about speeding on Bridge and Chamberlain Streets and the proposal of making the intersection of S. Main, Parry, Bridge and Chamberlain a 4 way stop. After general discussion the committee's thoughts were that Bridge/Chamberlain are main traffic flow streets and that it is best not to break the flow with stop signs. The best solution would be enforcement of current traffic laws but this remains out of reach for the City. PWC is willing to revisit this issue, especially after the new Health/Resource buildings are in place on the old Mill Lot across from the Post Office.

7) Old Business - None

8) Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

9) Committee Announcements

10) Adjourn

Member Mack moved and member Lauder seconded: **that we adjourn.** Motion carried 4-0-0 Ayes. Mike McConnell, Tony Meier, Cliff Lauder, Guy Mack. Meeting adjourned at 6:21..

_____ Public Works Committee Chair McConnell

Attested: _____ Public Works Committee Member