



PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 04, 2023 AT 5:00 PM

ROOM 2044 - MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. RECIEVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Public Safety & Welfare meeting minutes from November 2, 2022

4. BUSINESS

A. Review and take possible action: An Ordinance to repeal a portion of Section 500-6 Parking limitations. A. (2) No parking in loading zones

B. Review and take possible action: An Ordinance to Amend Section 500-9 Parking prohibited in specified places

C. Review and take possible action: safety improvement at intersection of E. Main Street & Seventh Street

5. ADJOURN

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PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Section 3, Item A.

November 2, 2022

The Committee met at 5:00 p.m. in Room 2044 of the Municipal Building. Members present were Alderpersons Davis, Schmid, Licht and Smith. Also in attendance was Police Chief Kaminski, Assistant Police Chief Olsen, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Holloway, Assistant City Engineer Beyer, Alderperson Lampe, and Mayor McFarland. The following citizens were present: Cecilia and Larry Salas; William Ebert; Dawn and Connie Wiedenfeld; Scott Kaufmann; Dan Barnes; John Smith; Mark Carew; Ken Leu; Jeff Krakow; Fred Uttech; Tim Kassulke; and David Fair.

1. **Roll Call:** All Committee members were present.
2. **Receive comments from the public:** No person wished to speak at this opportunity in the agenda, but preferred to wait until their item of interest (E) was being considered.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the September 7th meeting had already been presented to the City Council without correction so those minutes were simply noted at this point in the agenda.

Agenda Item E, without objection, was moved up for the convenience of those attending the meeting.

4.E Review and discuss: Traffic control at the intersection of West Main Street and Dayton Street. The mayor requested an opportunity to present additional information regarding future traffic control improvements at the intersection of West Main Street and Dayton Street. As part of the 2022 Annual Street & Utility Project, the block of Dayton Street between Clement Street and West Main Street had been widened to accommodate semi-truck turn patterns. The design engineer had recommended pavement marking installation on West Main Street & on Dayton Street. Installing pavement marking would result in the loss of parking on both Dayton Street and West Main Street.

At the Committee meeting on September 7th, recommendations relating to Dayton Street had been recommended for approval and the City Council approved the recommendations. However, the Committee had voted unanimously to disapprove removing any parking from West Main Street and the street marking which had been mistakenly applied were removed. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Holloway presented an aerial photo of the area and several cross-sections and other diagrams of the intersection. She provided the background of the project and emphasized the importance of safety on our public streets, which she believed would be enhanced with the removal of parking on West Main Street and adding the appropriate lane markings. She had recalculated the number of parking stalls that would need to be removed as totaling 43 (she had estimated approximately 40 at the meeting on September 7). She also mentioned that there were other arterial streets in Watertown where parking had been removed. Mayor McFarland supported this presentation and was committed to providing the Committee with all relevant information regarding safety at this intersection. Police Chief Kaminski presented accident statistics at this intersection between October of 2017 and November of 2022. There had been 6 accidents at this location in the five years cited. They were primarily on Dayton Street (4) and each had caused minor property damage.

Several citizens spoke and were greatly concerned about the potential loss of any parking on West Main Street. Some of these citizens had spoken at the September 7 meeting and they reiterated their concern about the loss of any parking on West Main Street. Several emphasized the importance of the existing parking to their long-standing neighborhood way of life. They were concerned that the loss of 43 parking spaces would be devastating to their neighborhood. **ACTION:** This item was placed on the agenda solely for the purpose of allowing the city staff an opportunity to provide the committee with all relevant information relating to this matter.

4.A Review and take possible action: an Ordinance to Amend Section 500-6 Parking limitations. A.(5) Municipal parking lot limitations. Following the 2022 reconstruction of the 109-113 Jones Street Parking Lot, the city is recommending that all parking stalls be set for ten-hour parking to accommodate City staff during work hours. The four southeast stalls would be specifically reserved for city vehicles. Ald. Licht made a motion, seconded by Ald. Davis, to restrict parking as recommended. This motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: An ordinance will be presented.**

4.B Review and take possible action: Address parking concern at the intersection of Dodge and S. Third Street.

This item had been carried over from the September 7th meeting. It involved a resident's concern about visibility at the above-referenced intersection. The postponement was to allow the business owner to be notified where a parking space was potentially to be removed. The Police Chief informed the committee that over the past five years there had been only one minor accident at this intersection. The Committee consensus was to allow things to remain as currently exists and no motion was made resulting in the matter failing. **ACTION: Nothing required.**

4.C Review and take possible action: Parking limitations on 1100 block of Randolph Street. Carew Heating has its primary access to its business off the 1100 block of Randolph Street. They requested that parking be restricted on the east side of Randolph Street to accommodate deliveries. Parking is currently allowed on both sides of the 1100 block even though the right of way is only 24 feet. Parking on both sides makes it very difficult for delivery trucks to pass. Ald. Schmid made a motion, seconded by Ald. Davis, to remove parking on the east side of Randolph Street from Station Street to the north portion of the Carew parking lot (Engineering will measure the distance). This motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: An Ordinance will be presented.****4.D Review and take possible action: Crosswalk and signage improvements on the 700 block of Jones Street.** St. Mark's School has requested a crosswalk and signage improvements on the 700 block of Jones Street near the entrance to their parking lot and the school office. Because of the slope of the area, handicap accessible concrete ramps are not certain to be installable at this location. The Committee consensus was that Engineering should review the options and make a recommendation on how to proceed. Ald. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ald. Licht, to table this matter until Engineering has completed its review. The motion carried unanimously. **ACTION: Nothing required.**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Alderperson Licht, seconded by Alderperson Davis, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously .

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMO

TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: December 22, 2022

RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Review and take possible action: An Ordinance to repeal a portion of Section 500-6 Parking limitations. A. (2) No parking in loading zones

The property owner of 217 N. Fifth Street has requested that the loading zone located on Jones Street near N. Fifth Street, and adjacent to her property, be removed to allow for conventional street parking. The loading zone was created by the Public Safety & Welfare Committee in 2014 at the request of the former property owner/business, The Kid's Palace, which no longer operates from 217 N. Fifth Street. A draft ordinance is attached for Committee review.

Attachment:

Site Map
Draft ordinance



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**DRAFT ORDINANCE TO
REPEAL A PORTION OF SECTION 500-6 A. (2), PARKING
LIMITATIONS, OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL
ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON SMITH
FROM: PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 500-6(A)(2) “Parking Limitations, No parking in loading zones” is hereby repealed as following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Jones Street	South	From the east curbline of North Fifth Street to a point 98 feet east, between 5:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on school days for bus loading

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

DATE:	February 7, 2023		February 7, 2023	
READING:	1ST		2ND	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
DAVIS				
LAMPE				
RUETTEN				
BARTZ				
LICHT				
SMITH				
SCHMID				
WETZEL				
ROMLEIN				
MAYOR MCFARLAND				
TOTAL				

ADOPTED February 7, 2023

CITY CLERK

APPROVED February 7, 2023

MAYOR

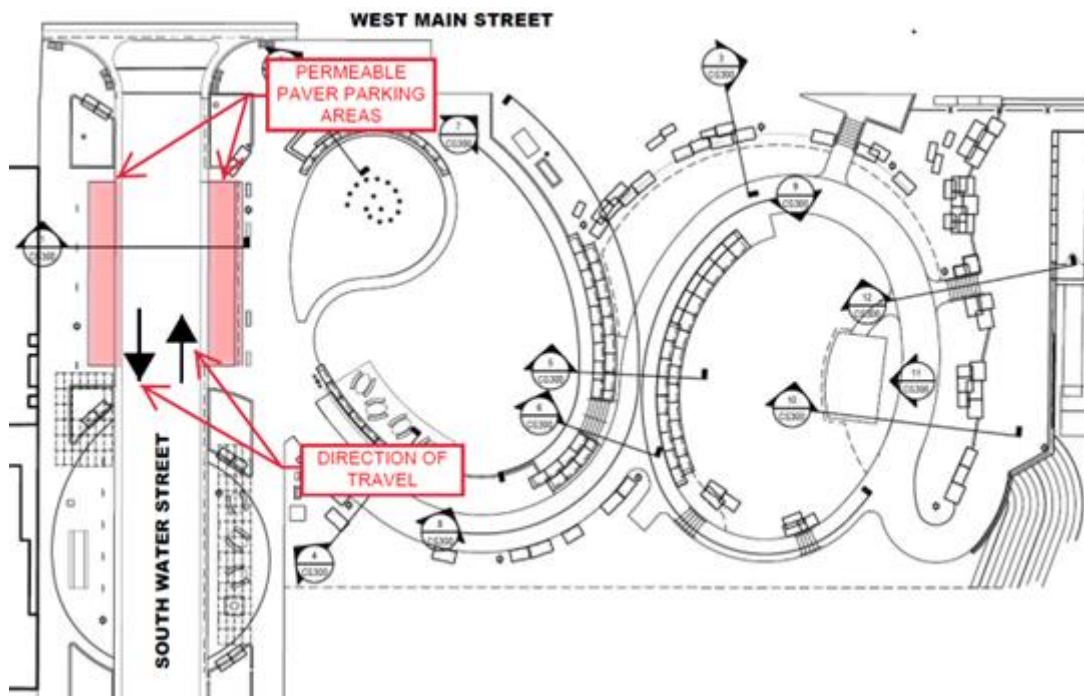
MEMO

TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.
DATE: December 22, 2022
RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Review and take possible action: An Ordinance to Amend Section 500-9 Parking prohibited in specified places

BACKGROUND:

A portion of S. Water Street between W. Main Street and Emmet Street was narrowed as part of the 2022 Town Square/S. Water Street Reconstruction Project. Parking, per ordinance, is still permitted on the narrowed section of S. Water Street and should be removed to allow for safe passage of the traveling public. Designated street parking on the reconstructed section of S. Water Street was incorporated into the design and will remain, see red hatched area below. A draft ordinance is attached for Committee review.



Attachment:

Draft ordinance

**DRAFT ORDINANCE TO
AMEND SECTION 500-9 A. PARKING PROHIBIED IN SPECIFIED
PLACES OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON FRED SMITH
FROM: PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, a portion of South Water Street between West Main Street and Emmet Street has been reconstructed as part of the 2022 Town Square project; and,

WHEREAS, there is inadequate street width on South Water Street to safely allow on-street parking on portions of South Water Street between West Main Street and Emmet Street; and,

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023, the Public Safety & Welfare Committee agreed that on-street parking should be prohibited on portions of South Water Street between West Main Street and Emmet Street.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 500-9. Parking prohibited in specified places, is hereby amended to add the following;

Name of Street	Side	Location
South Water Street	West	From the southern curbline of West Main Street south a distance of 40 feet
South Water Street	East	From the southern curbline of West Main Street south a distance of 40 feet
Name of Street	Side	Location
South Water Street	West	From a point 100 feet south of the southern curbline of West Main Street to a point 130 feet further south
South Water Street	East	From a point 100 feet south of the southern curbline of West Main Street to a point 130 feet further south

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

DATE:	January 17, 2023		February 7, 2023	
READING:	1ST		2ND	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
DAVIS				
LAMPE				
RUETTEN				
BARTZ				
LICHT				
SMITH				
SCHMID				
WETZEL				
ROMLEIN				
MAYOR MCFARLAND				
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TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.
DATE: December 22, 2022
RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Review and take possible action: safety improvement at intersection of E. Main Street & Seventh Street

BACKGROUND:

The business owner of 621 E. Main Street brought safety concerns regarding the crosswalk at the intersection of S. Seventh Street and E. Main Street to the attention of the Engineering Division. The intersection is jogged creating potential hazards for motorists and pedestrians alike. Pedestrian crossing signage was added at crosswalk locations at the intersection in recent years. The property owner is inquiring if additional safety improvements can be made.

Crosswalk improvements will likely be made in 2028 as part of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Downtown Main Street Reconstruction Project. Additional safety improvements made between now and the State project may include but are not limited to rectangular rapid flashing beacon signage or similar flashing l.e.d. signage and continental crosswalk installation.

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Site Map



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HiWanda,

Section 4, Item C.

I appreciate your help in getting this information to the meeting for me. I am sorry that I cannot be present, but have patients scheduled until 8pm.

I met with Andrew Beyer and another gentleman, whose name I cannot recall. They were very helpful with information about the upcoming road projects.

The other issue we talked about was the problem with trying to cross Main Street at the corner of 7th and Main.

I have brought this issue to the committee in the past and they were gracious enough to have the yellow signs put up, but unfortunately this has not made any difference. Drivers are so distracted and they do not see pedestrians in the cross walk.

A woman was nearly killed in this crosswalk a few years ago. She was med-flighted to Madison. I was nearly hit by a semi while trying to help a patient with a walker cross the street here. Most often, I have to wave my arms at people to get them to stop so that I or someone whom I'm trying to help can get across the street.

I have had several city police cars blow by me in the crosswalk. They are good people-but everyone is distracted and in a hurry.

This intersection is also bad because once cars get through the 4th street lights they gun it, because there are no other traffic controls going up Main Street to the East.

I am requesting some version of flashing pedestrian signs, where we can push a button to get them flashing. Andrew showed me some signs with flashing yellow lights. I requested white flashing light signs like ones used in the pedestrian crosswalks in Florida. I don't know if this can be used in WI. They are much more visible than the yellow lights. I'm hoping this will be possible. They have LED lights all around the edge that flash and are easy to see and get your attention.



We need some added safety for crossing the street here. We see many elderly patients in our clinic and so does the Eyewear place next door to me. These people cannot race across the street to beat the cars!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter!

Dr. Marcia Radloff

Pristine Health, LLC

621 E Main Street