

Waupun Committee of the Whole Meeting  
11/27/18 Minutes

Mayor Nickel calls the meeting to order at 445pm.

Council members in attendance on roll call: Nickel, Matoushek, Vossekuil, Kaczmarski, Mielke, and Westphal. Vanderkin is absent and excused.

City Department Staff in attendance: Attorney VandeZande, Clerk Hull, Administrator Schlieve, Chief Loudon, Chief Demaa, Public Works Director Daane, and Recreation Director Kaminski. Those absent and excused are Finance Director Oosterhouse, Utility General Manager Posthuma, and Library Director Jaeger.

Audience in attendance: Art and Mary Ehlert, Steve Chene, Tyler Sturzl, and Sarah Vanburen.

Steve Chene, with the support of the Waupun School Board, makes request of the Committee for consideration regarding the activation of red warning lights on school buses when picking up and dropping off children. WI State Statutes 300.16(8) and 346.48 regulate the operation of red warning lights on school buses, however, Statute 349.21 provides the municipalities, by ordinance, to prohibit the use of flashing red or amber warning lights by school bus operators when pupils or other authorized passengers are loaded or unloaded directly from or onto the school grounds or that portion of the right-of-way between the roadway and the school grounds in a zone designated by "school" warning signs as provided in s. 118.08 (1) in which a street or highway borders the grounds of a school.

Chene provides Statutes: 346.48(1)(b) School bus operators shall not use the flashing red warning lights in:

1. Special school bus loading areas where the bus is entirely off the traveled portion of the highway.
2. Residence or business districts when pupils or other authorized passengers are to be loaded or unloaded where a sidewalk and curb are laid on both sides of the road, unless required otherwise by municipal ordinance enacted under s. 349.21 (1). (bm) Except as provided in par. (b) 2. or unless prohibited by municipal ordinance enacted under s. 349.21 (2), a school bus operator shall use the flashing red warning lights as provided in par. (a) in a zone designated by "school" warning signs as provided in s. 118.08 (1) in which a street or highway borders the grounds of a school when pupils or other authorized passengers are loaded or unloaded directly from or onto the school grounds or that portion of the right-of-way between the roadway and the school grounds.

349.21(1) The governing body of any town, city, village or county may by ordinance provide for the use of flashing red or amber warning lights by school bus operators in a residence or business district when pupils or other authorized passengers are to be loaded or unloaded at a location at which there are no traffic signals and such persons must cross the street or highway before being loaded or after being unloaded. (2) The governing body of any town, city, village or county may, by ordinance, prohibit the use of flashing red or amber warning lights by school bus operators when pupils or other authorized passengers are loaded or unloaded directly from or onto the school grounds or that portion of the right-of-way between the

roadway and the school grounds in a zone designated by "school" warning signs as provided in s. 118.08 (1) in which a street or highway borders the grounds of a school.

Chene proposes the City adopt an ordinance such as the City of Plymouth as this ordinance provides a clear understanding that the red lights are used during pickup and drop off, when to active/deactivate the lights, bus operator will use them whether there is curb or not, and when another bus operator approaches a stopped school bus, they must also activate their red warning lights.

The Council will review the information and ordinances provided and return discussion at a future meeting.

Motion Kaczmariski, second Matoushek to accept the resignation of Rick Vanthoff to the Recreation Board and the ADA Committee. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call.

Motion Westphal, second Matoushek to approve the Records Clerk/Support Staff job description. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call.

A presentation of the revised City of Waupun Website was viewed.

Motion Matoushek, second Westphal to approve the payment of the bills and the operator license to Garret Noyons. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call.

Future meeting dates and times were read.

Motion Westphal, second Matoushek to call the meeting adjourned at 5:33pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Angela Hull, Clerk