



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
205 S. Lincoln Ave; Council Chambers
Monday, January 20, 2025
6:45 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting of the Operations Committee was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Chairperson Bonnett. Present: Ken Anderson, Joseph Bonnett, Jennifer Hiley, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Ellwood Lee Flaherty, 6. Absent: Cris Olson, 1. Also present were Todd Janssen (Director of Engineering), Rick Manthe (City Attorney), John Kreuziger (Police Chief), Jason Warnick (Wayland Academy)

a) Approval of the December 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jennifer Hiley, second by Andrew Perkins, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

2) Discussion & Possible Action

a) Regarding the Use of Golf Carts in the Public Right of Way

Introduced by Bonnett and Janssen followed by discussion. Manthe added legal context, in that the City can establish golf cart crossings of city streets or open city streets to golf carts (except for state highways) per state statute, but this would require an ordinance change. Anderson noted that a new ordinance shouldn't be written for just one entity, rather it needs to be fair for everyone in the city. Anderson believes that the issue is already addressed with the Low Speed Vehicle ordinance, and Wayland should upgrade their golf carts to LSV. Hiley noted that golf carts could be upgraded with turn signals/brake lights/etc. and questioned whether such would qualify as a Low Speed Vehicle, to which Manthe responded that the City gets to decide what the definition of a street legal golf cart is. Perkins favors addressing the issue by Resolution on a case by case basis, while at the same time limiting the use of golf carts on the sidewalk as much as possible. Warnick noted that it would be a big deal to change their current practice with golf carts and purchasing LSVs would be challenging, but that Wayland is open to any city policy/process that they would have to commit to that would still allow golf carts to travel between the main campus, their houses on Franklin St, and their sports facilities on the south side of Park Avenue. Manthe noted that resolving this issue on a case by case basis would require setting up evaluation criteria so there is no arbitrary decision making. Manthe further noted that it would be easiest to open roads and/or crossings to golf carts by ordinance, as a case by case permitting system gets complicated.

Motion by Andrew Perkins, second by Jennifer Hiley, to table. Motion carried by acclamation.

b) Regarding the Use of Pedestrian Warning Signs in the Public Right of Way

Introduced by Bonnett and Janssen followed by discussion. Committee consensus was to refrain from installing any new pedestrian warning signs not recognized as official traffic

control devices by applicable State and Federal agencies, and to only remove existing pedestrian warning signs already in place once they have exceeded their useful life.

c) Regarding possible items for future agendas

Anderson requested that the use of golf carts in the public right of way item be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion.

Wild requested to have a discussion on the appropriate use of city email to be put onto a future agenda.

3) Adjourn

Motion by Nancy Wild, second by Andrew Perkins, to adjourn. Chairperson Bonnett adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Orth, Deputy City Clerk