

**UNABRIDGED JANUARY 21, 2009 SPECIAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held Wednesday, January 21, 2009 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St. Prescott, WI 54021

Call to Order/Roll Call: Mayor Mike Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were John MacLennan, Deb Ganske, Julie Arndtson and Clair Eaton. Rob Daugherty and Eddy Wuorenma were absent. City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh, Public Works Director Jerry Killian and Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also present Dave Schofield, City Engineer, Terry Pedersen and Mark Ploederer representing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Discussion was held on the proposal to increase Hwy 10, 29, 35 to four lanes for approximately two miles. Mark Ploederer reviewed the previous study that was completed in 2003 by the Department of Transportation and what happened in 2003 and where we are today. The city did not sign a memo of understanding with the Department of Transportation in 2003 although Pierce County, Oak Grove Township and Clifton Township did. The items that the DOT look at when making their decision to go to the four lanes are growth rate, development for the area, safety and traffic counts.

Terry Pedersen explained that the previous plan moved the additional four lanes on Hwy 10 to the north and the additional four lanes on Hwy 29 & 35 to the south east. There are currently 23 accesses that come out to Hwy 10 & 29 and they are looking to better space public accesses. The DOT looks at have a minimum spacing of 2,000 feet between accesses. The area of Campbell Street and Hwy 10 would need an additional left and right turn lane. The proposal would be to move the current Dexter Street to the East. Pedersen also stated that they would like to see a minimum of 600 feet vehicle stacking distance for any public access onto Hwy 10/29. The proposal moves the access for North Acres Road to the north east of a utility shed that sits on Hwy 29. The access to 635th Street would move either to the north or south depending on development and the next access off of Hwy 29 would be County Rd F. Pedersen explained that a preliminary environmental assessment was completed as part of the study in 2003 and there is a drainage swale that will need to be looked at closer. A historical search was completed and it indicated that the Clemmons brick home could be listed on the historical register but since this time the home has been removed. A hazardous search was also completed but there was nothing found that would impact this project.

Ron Murphy representing Cernohous Chevrolet informed the council that the reason that the city did not sign off on the memo of understanding was due to the DOT proposal to close Orrin Road at Campbell Street.

If the additional lanes are proposed to be to the North of Hwy 10 and East of Hwy 29 this would impact the city's business park. The amount of land that would be needed for the additional lane would be 150 feet. The DOT purchases the land that is needed. As the city is platting the business park they should plat the setbacks from the right of way that is needed for the highway.

Alderperson Arndtson asked how bike paths are handled as part of the planning process. Petersen stated that bike paths are separated from the highway due to the high volume of traffic and also speeds.

It was asked how does the city proceed from here. The city would need to send a letter to the DOT stating that they wish to proceed with the planning process. The city would need to adopt by ordinance an official map and sign a memo of agreement with the DOT. The city would take the lead in this process. The city could establish an advisory group from the city, townships and county. This issue should also be looked at by the extraterritorial committee. The DOT would negotiate and pay for the consultant contract. Ploederer stated that he did want the council be aware that this project is not in their six year plan.

Aldersperson Arndtson asked if this would be the time to look at either an overpass or underpass for the highway. Petersen said that it can be looked at as part of the plan but it would be a city expense.

There is also the question of a North – South corridor street connect from Hwy 35 to Hwy 10. This should be discussed and mapped on the official map.

Arndtson/Ganske motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand