

Public Safety Committee
Council Chambers
August 20, 2014
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor David Walker, Chairman
Councilor Jake Collins
Councilor Robert Gates
Councilor Donald Hamann
Councilor Peter Lachapelle

OTHERS PRESENT

Gretchen Young, PE Construction Engineer
Scott Dumas, Deputy Chief P.D.
Adams Krans #8 Broadview St.
Bobby Judson #352 Salmon Falls Rd.
Sherry Hall #352 Salmon Falls Rd.

Minutes

Councilor Walker brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Public Input

Adam Krans of # 8 Broadway Street was present to voice his concerns about people turning around in his driveway because they don't realize that Broadway Street is a dead end. He is the last house on the street. There have been times when the vehicles have almost hit his vehicles in his driveway and the fire hydrant. He also stated there is a lot of wear and tear in the area due to the vehicles constantly turning around.

Councilor Hamann made a motion to place a "dead end" sign on Broadway Street. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gates. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

2. Tebbetts Road-Truck Usage

Elaine Burns would like the road posted because the big trucks are using Tebbetts Road to get to the airport. Councilor Walker said this had been brought up before and there is nothing that can be done because it is a quarter mile from a state route. There are federal laws that state that a road can not be posted if it is a certain distance from a state route. No action was taken.

3. Vernon Avenue

Councilor Walker stated that Vernon Avenue goes straight through the neighborhood then connects to Watson Drive and jets off. Deputy Chief Scott Dumas and Ms. Young both stated that there should be a "stop sign" there and if it is missing it will just need to be replaced. Ms. Young said she would look into getting the "stop sign" replaced.

4. Route 202/Highfield Commons-Speed Concern

Councilor Walker summarized the issue. Deputy Chief Dumas said that they did not put the speed trailer in this area because of software issues with it. They did do some directed patrols and they didn't see a problem in the area. Councilor Walker said that a letter could be sent to the State to request them to review the area to see if they should place a "reduce speed" sign. Deputy Chief Dumas said that the Police Department would do a traffic study in the area now that the speed trailer is up and running again.

5. South Main Street-Bank of America-Curbing (update)

Ms. Young said that the curbed has been removed and that there still is a lip there. Ms. Young said that the Bank of America is redoing the inside of the bank and the parking lot to make it ADA accessible. Councilor Walker asked if the curbing was on private property or city right of way. Ms. Young said it's right on the line. Ms. Young is going to meet with the contractor on Thursday. No action was taken.

6. Salmon Falls Road-Signage (update)

Bobby Judson and Sherry Hall from #352 Salmon Falls Road were present to discuss the need for signage. Mr. Judson stated that his child goes to the Monarch School and that he gets picked up by one of the small school buses at the same time every morning. There have been 4 incidents since school started last year where cars either pass the bus or stop short because they do not see the bus stopped until late. The bus can take up to two minutes loading the child on the bus by the chair lift. Ms. Hall said that the bus driver is the one that loads her son into the bus so she cannot look out for vehicles or get license plate numbers of the vehicles. Ms. Young said that a "school bus stop ahead" sign can be placed near the hill by the turn. She also stated that the sign can be modified to say something a little different as long as the dimensions of the sign stay the same. **Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to place 2 "school bus stop ahead" signs on both sides of the road at the discretion of the Public Works Department. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gates. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.** The Police Department will do a directed patrol in the area. Ms. Hall said that he is picked up for school at 8:03 AM and dropped off at 2:30 PM. The new school year starts on Wednesday August 27, 2014.

7. Other

Dry Hill Road-Councilor Gates

Councilor Gates said that a neighbor of his spoke to him regarding a young lady, Jessica Holland who has been speeding up and down Dry Hill Road. It has been going on for over a year and a half. Councilor Gates said he has been told that the

police have been called before. The neighbor that spoke with Councilor Gates said the rate of speed that she goes is scary and that her and her boyfriend race each other down Dry Hill Road. Councilor Walker said to get with the neighbors to see if they can tell him what times that Ms. Holland is doing the speeding and then e-mail the Police Department. The Police Department will do a directed patrol based on the times that there seems to be an issue.

Old Gonic Road-Councilor Walker

Councilor Walker said there is still a problem getting out of Cedar Brook Village. Councilor Walker said a letter should be sent to Cedar Brook Village requesting the "stop signs" as this is private property.

Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Gates. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by
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