

Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 497 Regulation of Golf Carts on Public Streets

November 17, 2020

Public hearing called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Wee. Excused: Brown and Schumacher. Also present: Police Chief Jeremy Randall, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Brandon Iverson, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Ordinance No. 497, if adopted, will create an ordinance to allow golf carts on public streets with operating restrictions, liability terms, and penalties for violations.

Brandon Iverson, 833 Wagon Drive, appeared to speak in favor of the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Iverson stated golf carts are a safe, economically friendly means of short-distance travel. He would use his golf cart to pick up his children around the neighborhood and transport to piano lessons a short distance away from his home. He stated the ordinance puts in effect operating restrictions, liability responsibilities, and penalties, and he encouraged the Village Board to approve the ordinance.

There were no citizens present to speak against the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wee to close the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. Motion approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator

Regular Board Meeting

November 17, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wee. Excused: Brown. Also present: Police Chief Jeremy Randall, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Debra and Thomas Walsh, Brandon Iverson, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Public Comment

Thomas Walsh, 361 Lewis Street, requested to speak to the Village Board regarding the November 3, 2020, Presidential Election. Mr. Walsh stated he and his wife waited two and a half hours to cast their votes on November 3, and he felt this was an embarrassment to the Village of West Salem. He noted the COVID-related changes made to the election process during the April election where he waited for 45 minutes to vote, so he did anticipate a longer wait for the November election. He noted there were only six voting booths in the polling place, and there was no waiting for a booth. He felt in a Village this size a larger polling place is required so the poll book can be split to

enable two lines and other locations should have been considered. He stated the Village Board needs to address this prior to the April 2021 election. The Village Board discussed referring this matter to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for further review.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the Village Board minutes of the November 5, 2020, regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$69,644.38
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$11,963.07
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$63,359.09
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$1,414.73

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wee to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Ordinance No. 497

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve Ordinance No. 497 Regulation of Golf Carts on Public Streets as presented. Roll call vote: Lautz – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Maintenance Agreement for Multi-Use Path

The Village Board reviewed a proposed Maintenance Agreement for Multi-Use path bridge over the La Crosse River to be constructed by La Crosse County under the Transportation Enhancements Program through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation submitted by La Crosse County. The Board had several questions regarding bridge construction, life expectancy of the bridge, and what maintenance would include in the future.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to refer the proposed Agreement back to La Crosse County for more specific information and clarification and to request a copy of the agreement between the State and La Crosse County. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Planning Commission

President Manthei reported on the November 11, 2020, Planning Commission public hearing and meeting. The public hearing concerned an Amendment to an approved Conditional Use Permit submitted by Matt Knebes d/b/a Your Hometown Property Management and Jared Mulder for construction of a four-unit apartment building with

garages adjacent to 116 East Tilson. The purpose of the Amendment is to increase the size of the previously approved four-plex. There were no citizens present to speak for or against the proposed Conditional Use Permit. Village resident Alana Gross, 123 Lewis Street, submitted a favorable written confirmation of this Amendment. The Planning Commission meeting was then called to order. The Commission reviewed for recommendation to the Village Board an Amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. 46. Conditional Use Permit No. 46 was issued to Matt Knebes d/b/a Your Hometown Property Management and Jared Mulder for construction of a four-unit apartment building with garages adjacent to 116 East Tilson Street. The purpose of the Amendment is to increase the size of the previously approved four-plex. After the certified survey map was completed, it was found there are six more feet length-wise than what the owners had originally planned for. The developers have added three feet to each kitchen of the four units. The setbacks remain the same as approved. The building footprint is now 54' X 72' instead of 48' X 72'. The Planning Commission recommended the Village Board approve the Amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. 46 and appropriate approving resolution. The next item on the agenda was to review for possible public hearing a Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by Coulee Sign on behalf of River Bank to install a 24" X 53" illuminated sign at its location at 204 Leonard Street North. The Planning Commission scheduled a public hearing on the conditional use permit for Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. with a Planning Commission meeting immediately following.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2020, Planning Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve Amended Conditional Use Permit No. 46 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve Resolution 7.20 which approves the amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. 46. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Wee asked to discuss the Village Board of Trustees transitioning to virtual meetings in order to lesson exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The Board discussed what other municipalities are currently doing, open records and open meetings requirements, and required equipment. Administrator DeLong was directed to collect information on costs for the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator