

WATERVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
July 5, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

There was a work session/special meeting of the Waterville City Council held in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on July 5, 2016 to discuss the Chamber of Commerce road closure request.

Present: Vail, McIntyre, Wollin and Mayor Mihalik

Absent: Schmidtke

Also Present: Administrator/Clerk Teresa Hill, and Jason Moran, City Attorney

Also Absent: None

**1. Call to Order.** Mayor Mihalik called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting that all Council members were present except Schmidtke. Also present Teresa Hill Administrator/Clerk and Jason Moran, City Attorney. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. Approval of Agenda.** Motion by Mihalik seconded by Wollin to approve the agenda. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**3. Chamber of Commerce Road Closure Request.** Mayor Mihalik said that he had an opportunity to meet Kathy Hoy and Bill Byrne from the Chamber to talk about Hot Summer Nights. The first event Council did not approve closing the roads. There was a variety of reason for that. They had a great meeting about some other options whether it is closing the road or no parking on the road. Mayor Mihalik invited Ms. Hoy and Mr. Byrne to this meeting to talk about this, what is needed, how we can help, what we can do. This is a good thing for Waterville so let's work together and find a solution. Ms. Hoy said that they have worked together with the EDA to bring something called Hot Summer Nights to Waterville. Our first one went off and it was a little bit more successful than what we had originally planned. Their vision was to get people to walk through Waterville. We had a band down at Frandsen Bank and they offered free popcorn. We were unable to close the road so she had to try reserve spots for the cars. They ended up with 25 cars and 3 motorcycles for our first event. The Fire Department was down at Davis Market and sold approximately 80 hot dogs. One of the local businesses had one of their best nights ever on a Thursday night. They heard feedback from the car enthusiasts who have thousands of dollars in these cars and go to many events whether it is a roll in or a car show. They said it is really nice if you can close the road because they bring their lawn chairs and wherever their car is parked they sit with their car. Also people walk and look at the vehicles. Ms. Hoy said they don't want to close the road for the whole day. During the day they would like to put something or a barricade in the middle where it would say event parking from 5:00 to 8:00 or from 4:00 to 8:00 which would close off from Third to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. You would not be able to tow any vehicles but you would hope that people would not park there. Ms. Hoy said if the vehicles parked diagonally there could be 45 cars on each side. Frandsen Bank would like to have the band in the Community Park. Ron Haslip is willing to run the power from his store to the Community Park and Frandsen Bank would bring their popcorn machine and again hand out free popcorn. Mr. Byrne said that they would actually need to block off two blocks from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street on Main Street. Ms. Vail suggested to go half way up on Third Street to include other businesses on Third Street. Ms. Hoy said the Chamber would put out the signs of the event parking. They did request that the Police Department put a note on parked cars in the a.m. that there will be an event so that persons can move their vehicles. Discussion held regarding the advertisement for Hot Summer Nights. Ms. Hoy said that she is working on creating a rack card and is in the process of getting sponsors. The rack card would give the dates

the events would be held and on the back of it would list the sponsors. Mr. Byrne mentioned possibly having events in the winter also. Ms. Hoy said there was a concern about littering. People all over town helped clean up any littering. The streets that they would want to reserve is Main Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to Third and Third Street up to the City parking lot. Mayor Mihalik suggested that we have a public hearing to give people a chance to speak how much they loved it or had a problem with it and have input on whether the roads should be closed for event parking. Ms. Hoy said she is going to encourage all the businesses to donate something that we can give away with their name on it. Mayor Mihalik said he would like to set a public hearing for Wednesday July 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., there will also be other items to add to that agenda. At that meeting we will vote to approve either closing those roads, blocking the roads or have event parking for those roads. Mr. Byrne mentioned trying to add in other activities to give more reasons to bring kids downtown. They are finding leads on things to do.

**4. Adjourn.** Motion by Mihalik, seconded by McIntyre to adjourn. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

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Stephen Mihalik, Mayor

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Teresa Hill, Administrator/Clerk