

Streets Committee
June 11, 2025
9:00 AM

Present: Kent White, Steve Engberg, Mayor Steve Brimhall, Brent Schleisman, Drew Schumacher, Shelbi Swinscoe, Jim Warner, Several Residents of the Neighborhood of Harvest Drive & S Walnut Extension

Absent: Kevin Glaha

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Letter From Residents & Neighbors Regarding Walnut Street Extension

Mitch Yaley, along with neighbors from the surrounding area, submitted a letter requesting the City address the following issues on the Walnut Street Extension (a gravel roadway):

- Reduction of the speed limit due to safety concerns
- Installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Harvest Drive and Walnut Street Extension
- Mitigation of dust caused by gravel and heavy truck traffic

After reviewing the letter and discussing the requests, the Committee took the following actions:

- **Voted to reduce the speed limit** on the gravel portion of Walnut Street Extension from 55 MPH to 35 MPH
- **Approved converting the intersection** at Harvest Drive and Walnut Street Extension into a four-way stop
- **Tabled further discussion** on dust control measures pending additional evaluation

Staff was directed to prepare the necessary ordinance for City Council consideration at the June 25, 2025 meeting.

No Parking on W. Orange Street

Public Works Director Drew Schumacher recommended postponing action regarding potential parking restrictions on West Orange Street. His concern was that removing parking could lead to increased congestion on North Sheppard Drive, a dead-end cul-de-sac.

No action was taken.

Memorandum of Understanding Between Henry County & The City of Mount Pleasant regarding Winfield Ave. Reconstruction

The Committee reviewed the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Henry County and the City of Mount Pleasant regarding the Winfield Avenue reconstruction project. The Committee recommended the MOU for full Council approval at the June 25, 2025, meeting.

609 W Washington Request

A resident at 609 West Washington Street raised concerns about a grade discrepancy between his driveway and the newly constructed sidewalk/approach. The uneven transition is causing his vehicle to bottom out. The Committee voted to have Public Works place gravel in the right-of-way and taper the grade to provide a smoother transition.

Concrete Road Patches

Drew Schumacher presented a proposal outlining locations for concrete road patching, including sections of:

- Beaver Drive
- Mapleleaf Drive
- South Grand Avenue

(A complete list is available in the attached proposal.)

The Committee approved the proposed patches and accepted the lowest bids as recommended by Public Works.

Timeline for Adams Street Construction Project

The Committee reviewed the construction timeline for the Adams Street Project. Jim Warner stated that the goal is to complete the project by November 30, 2025. Bid letting is scheduled for early July 2025.

Open Forum

Resident David Bainbridge brought two items to the Committee's attention:

- A **"No Parking" sign on North Cherry Street** near Wal-Mart was damaged by a vehicle and needs replacement
- There is **excessive litter** along North Cherry Street and North Iris Street

These concerns were acknowledged by the Committee, and the sign replacement has been passed to Public Works.

Public Works Director Drew Schumacher informed the Committee that the Utilities Department would like to relocate the power source currently serving the blinking stop sign at the intersection of West Orange Street and North Broadway.

To address this, the Committee agreed to replace the existing sign with a solar-powered stop sign featuring a red flashing light.

Brent Schleisman shared information from the City's legal counsel regarding a recent state-level ruling on sidewalk regulations. The Committee acknowledged receipt of the legal update for future reference and compliance.

Drew Schumacher reported that during events at the new Mount Pleasant Community School District (MPCSD) Auditorium (the former IWU Central Campus), attendees are parking along Pearl Street (Between North Main & North Adams). This is obstructing access for Utility Department vehicles and preventing large trucks from entering/exiting their lot. The Committee directed staff to prepare an ordinance designating Pearl Street as a no-parking zone to ensure adequate access for City and Utility operations.

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Approved by: _____ Date: _____