

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

July 23, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Acting Chairman Bryant
Alderman Dennis
Alderman Driskell

ABSENT

Alderman Olive

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alicia Mayes
Alderman Brown
Alderman Hagen
Alderman Dorchinecz
Rachel Elam
Superintendent Ortman
Bob Steiner
HBO Wagahoft

Tim McArdle
Jim Morris
Dave Speagle
Stephanie Bolinger
Superintendent Mann
Gary Spurling
Brenda Spurling
Cindy Friscina
Marilyn Spillman
Evan Mahan

Acting Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

DISCUSS PARKING ON THE 800 BLOCK OF MARKET ST

Alderman Bryant addressed a safety concern and the traffic flow on 800 block of West Market. She also discussed a second location that she would like considered on Webster (South of Adams Street).

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to City Council to amend the City Code to place a No Parking sign on the North side of the 800 Block of West Market. The Motion Carried 3-0.

DISCUSS DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS

Alderman Bryant reiterated that the City Council has already voted on moving forward with this project. Gary Spurling explained that the local businesses that would be affected are asking for the City Attorney to look into getting the economic impact study done. He would also like more communication with the local businesses.

BENTON – CITY PROJECTS UPDATE

Stephanie Bollinger gave updates on Adams Street Project, Safe Routes to School, West Main, and Clay Street. Alderman Bryant has received compliments from homeowners in the affected areas on the contractor's kindness during this process. Alderman Dorchinecz expressed his gratitude for the progress as well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mann advised workers have been busy with various projects throughout the City. They have torn down blighted properties, filling pot holes, and seal coating at the Lake. The Roller is in need of repair. He would also like to discuss allowing contractors to begin work earlier in the days when the temperatures are extremely high. This will allow us to stay on schedule and not fall behind. This can be addressed at the next Ordinance Committee Meeting in August.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cindy Friscina addressed the committee to discuss the Downtown Sidewalk project. A petition was turned over to City and they are asking for collaboration and cooperation with the business owners and the city regarding this project. They do not wish to stop the project; they would just like to be more involved and open communication on both sides.

Superintendent Ortman would like the committee to consider installing a two way stop sign on the corner of Market & Shumway (North & South). He observes vehicles driving unsafely and high speeds. Alderman Bryant will investigate this matter further and address this concern at an upcoming meeting.

Bob Steiner discussed his disappointment with the process regarding the Downtown Sidewalk Project. He feels suggestions are being dismissed without communication with the business owners that will be affected by this construction.

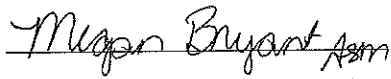
Evan Mahan spoke about the Downtown Sidewalk project as well. He would like the businesses to have more input, and would like the committee to look into the possibility of saving the brick sidewalks. He also shared concerns with the drainage on White Oaks Drive.

Alderman Dorchinecz expressed his confidence that Benton Engineering's work. Benton is navigating this project to minimize the negative impact.

Brenda Spurling wanted to know why the local businesses were not part of the decision-making process? Alderman Dorchinecz spoke about the bricks and the cost to remove and relay by hand. Jim Morris-Benton stated they will assist businesses with how to move forward to help reduce any negative impact. Alderman Bryant will speak with the Mayor and Benton Engineering about scheduling an open discussion with the public.

Marilyn Spillman inquired as to how many businesses were contacted by Benton Engineering.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.



Megan Bryant, Acting Chairman
Street and Sewer Committee