

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 – 6:25 p.m.
Council Chambers – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Robinson, Vice Chairman Barnard, Alderman Witte, Alderman Panus (via Zoom), Alderman Gonzalez, Alderman Crawford, and Alderman Anastasia. Others: Mayor William Aiello; Jack Hart, City Attorney; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Ron Richardson, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meetings (Tuesday, November 2, 2021)

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021 meeting was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Barnard. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

None

4. New Referrals for Consideration

a. No Parking – North Union Street at Franklin Street

Alderman Anastasia explained that he has been receiving several calls regarding this. He explained that across from the old union hall at the corner of Franklin Street and North Union Street, people are complaining about cars that are parking right next to or across the crosswalk and not giving the 20 feet space from the intersection. He explained that in order to alleviate the problem, he would like to see a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign 20 feet from the intersection. He explained that kids cross the street there to go to Hysol Park and before an accident or tragedy happens, he would like to see a sign put up.

Alderman Crawford explained that he has also received calls about his intersection. He explained that the intersection is shaped like a “T”. He explained that when people park in the intersection on North Union Street, it causes people driving West on North Union Street to drive out around cars parked right at the end of Franklin, and this causes a safety issue at the intersection. He explained that there are near misses, and that there are a ton of kids using this intersection.

Alderman Crawford asked if you can legally park at an intersection like this, and Mr. Ring explained that he will take a look at the intersection to see. He explained that there is a really bad curb in front of the old union hall that is not ADA compliant, so there may be other improvements to discuss as well. Alderman Crawford explained that he would like Mr. Ring and Chief Richardson to look at this and then if change is needed, in two weeks a plan can be proposed. Alderman Anastasia explained that there is no parking on the street until that point and then the parking begins until the dead end of the street.

5. Approval of Committee Reports

None

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.