

STREETS & ALLEYS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (REVISED)

APRIL 5, 2006 – 6:30 P.M.

Chairman Berg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Aldermen Berg, Marzahl, Logan and Perkins. Also present were Mayor Nolan, Aldermen Hay and Leyden, City Clerk Wells, City Administrator Nelson and Rebecca Gabrys.

Rebecca Gabrys – Cruise Night

The Committee met to discuss Rebecca Gabrys' request to establish a Cruise Night in downtown Harvard on Tuesday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m., blocking off Ayer St. from Brainard to Front, from May 23rd – September 12th, 2006, excluding July 4th. The Committee discussed two areas of concern:

1. Barricades - cost of barricades and for City employees to put up/take down barricades to close off Ayer St. Mayor Nolan noted that Public Works has indicated they have extra barricades, which could be loaned for the summer for Cruise Night, with Rebecca Gabrys, to be responsible to put up, take down and to store the barricades.
2. Emergency Vehicles – Alderman Hay had brought up a concern at the Council meeting with respect to blocking off Ayer St. which would affect fire/rescue vehicles accessing the north area of town in the case of an emergency. Administrator Nelson related a conversation with Chief Pat Slowey, FPD, who commented that as long as they are aware that it will be a specific day, with a certain time frame, they can plan around it and it doesn't present a problem.

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the request for Cruise Night as presented. Alderman Marzahl suggested that rather than blocking off Ayer St., that cars park the whole length of Ayer Street on one side of the street. After further discussion, the general consensus was that could present safety concerns with pedestrians and traffic. Chairman Berg called for a vote on the original motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 6:38 p.m., moved by Moved by Marzahl, seconded by Perkins to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Chairman Berg