

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, August 20, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.**  
210 State Street, City Hall, Council Chambers, Charlevoix, MI

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Norman Carlson Jr.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Roll Call of Members Present**

Mayor: Norman Carlson Jr.  
City Manager: Rob Straebel  
City Clerk: Joyce Golding  
Members Present: Councilmembers Peggy Brennan, Shane Cole, Lyle Gennett, Shirley Gibson, Leon Perron, and Jeff Porter  
City Staff: Pat Elliott

**III. Inquiry Regarding Possible Conflicts of Interest**

None.

**IV. Requests, Petitions and Communications and Actions Thereon**

**A. Discussion Regarding Right of Way on Alice Street**

On Tuesday, August 19, the City Manager contacted Ken Boss regarding Council's directive to reduce the driveway/parking space from 25' to 20'. Mr. Boss stated he did not think this was a fair compromise.

Mayor Carlson opened the item to public comment.

Ken Boss stated that he agreed on a compromise of 25' with City Manager Straebel during his site visit. Mr. Boss indicated that he has consulted his attorney. He reiterated again with regard to other properties that have similar situations.

The item was closed.

Councilmember Gibson stated that complaints came from all the neighbors on Alice Street. She feels that this compromise is a government giveaway. Councilmember Gibson shared numerous comments from the neighbors.

Councilmember Gennett indicated that 25' is a very good compromise.

Councilmember Brennan stated that Council directed Staff to come up with compromise and Council should be supporting Staff in their efforts. She feels the compromise should be honored. Councilmember Cole agreed with the 25' compromise.

Councilmember Perron asked for clarification on where the cars were parking. City Manager Straebel stated that no parking should be allowed on the City sidewalk and no cars should be encroaching on the roadway.

Councilmember Porter felt that 25' feet should be allowed. Mayor Carlson stated that the proposed license agreement would address perpendicular parking of two vehicles in the right of way and that parallel parking would also be allowed.

Motion by Councilmember Gennett, second by Councilmember Cole, to accept the landowner's proposed 25 foot wide driveway at 203 Alice Street to replace the former paved parking area, subject to the landowner's waiver of claims as to the former parking area and agreement to a license agreement acceptable to the City for use of the portion of the driveway located in the road right of way.

Yeas: Gennett, Perron, Porter, Brennan, Cole  
Nays: Gibson  
Absent: None

**V. Closed Session**

None.

**VI. Reconvene, Action to be Taken if Appropriate**

None.

**VII. Audience - Non-agenda Input (written requests take precedent)**

None.

**VIII. Adjourn**

The Mayor stated that, barring any objections, the meeting would adjourn.

There were no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Joyce M. Golding

City Clerk

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Norman Carlson Jr.

Mayor