



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF STACY IN THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO  
AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA PURSUANT TO DUE  
CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 26, 2013, 7:00p.m.  
STACY CITY HALL**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Utecht at 7:00pm.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Jim Ness, Mark Utecht, Charles Lucia, and Tony Olivolo  
**Absent:** Michael Carlson  
**Others Present:** Diane Ness, Mark Ness, Gene Olson, Ken Cummings, Mark Statz, Joe Triplett, Kathi Lawrence, Bruce Lawrence, Ben Montzka, Perry Shnellor, Lou Shnellor, Greg Oden, Josh Hofeld, and Kristy Pavek

**Purpose of the Special Meeting**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the County Road 19 and County Road 30 project and possibly take action.

**Discussion**

**Where did they come up with 11,000 vehicles per day through the intersection?**

Traffic Data Inc., gathered the data; Stantec interpreted the data and prepared the report.

The council had a difficult time believing that 11,000 vehicles per day pass through the intersection. The data in the report supported the finding. If the council would like they could have a new study conducted at the city's expense. However, MNDOT data also supports a similar count.

**What about traffic lights for the intersection?**

Mr. Triplett reported that traffic lights actually increase accidents; also, the state establishes criteria for the installation of stop lights – and Stacy's intersection does not meet those requirements.

**What about a round about?**

The intersection is not a good fit for a round about either.

**Intersection Traffic**

Member Ness asked so you're going to make the intersection less efficient for 99% of time to improve for a short period of time? Mr. Triplett disagreed, we are trying to pass a lot of vehicles through that intersection safely.

Member Lucia said that something needs to be done about the



intersection; the recent changes to the intersection haven't worked. Member Ness agreed.

Business Owner, Greg Oden: said his business is located on the corner of the intersection, the amount of traffic he sees is minimal; however, periodically busy such as summer holiday weekends. Is it worth changing the intersection to accommodate trucks?

Citizen, Ken Cummings said that an issue is that truck's park in the turn lane when unloading at the Stacy Sports Grill. The new traffic lanes make it difficult to get out of his driveway. Traffic is only going to get worse, the city should use a proactive approach.

Member Lucia asked who initiated the intersection project? Mr. Triplett indicated the county had – they have received many complaints about the intersection; the proposed improvements are not accident driven.

#### **Does the city have a say?**

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Mayor Utecht asked is this even something the city has control over. These are county roads.

Mr. Triplett says he thinks they do, ultimately the County has the authority. He will be seeking municipal consent however, we're all in this together.

#### **Other Items:**

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Citizen, Diane Ness asked how is this going to impact the businesses.

*Mr. Triplett said that he is working with the businesses to address their concerns.*

Mayor Utecht asked for a drawing with the old lane configuration, changing the corner radius to address the truck turning issue.

Mr. Triplett would like to know the council's action at their next meeting.

Mayor Utecht asked about no parking at peak times.

*Mr. Triplett says that is not feasible – it creates an enforcement issue, it is better to have no parking all the time.*

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**Adjourn at 8:07pm**

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Motion by Utecht to adjourn. Second by Lucia. Utecht, Lucia, Ness, and Olivolo voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

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Sharon MT Payne