

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Chuck Moore, Brent Milhiem and Jason Smith. Absent: Lauri Krueger. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell; and Fire Chief, Brandon Weber.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Smith moved to excuse Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem. CARRIED.

The June 20, 2022, Regular and Workshop Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN UPDATE

Commissioner Dugan gave an update on the most recent County Commission activities.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE GUS MACKER ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE AND THE OTSEGO DDA/MAIN STREET TO CLOSE VARIOUS STREETS, THE USE OF PUBLIC PARKING LOTS, & USE OF CITY HALL FROM AUGUST 25, 2022, TO AUGUST 28, 2022, AS PRESENTED

Commissioner Milhiem moved to approve the various requests from the Gus Macker Organizational Committee and the Otsego DDA/Main Street to close various streets, the use of Public Parking Lots and the use of City Hall from August 25, 2022 to August 28, 2022, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

B. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #139 – WEST RIVER STREET

At this time, City Manager Mitchell explained the process of creating a Traffic Control Order in regards to speed limits established by a new law in 2014.

Officer Weber explained the process that he went through to recommend the new speed limits. He answered questions of the Commission. City Manager Mitchell stated that if the street falls under the statutory limits, you do not need a traffic study. Officer Weber gave an example of Eley Street since it has limited vehicle access points, it could go up to 35 or 45 mph, but it will be left at 25 mph after the study. He commented that the studies are intended for speed and

safety. Mayor Withee commented that if these Traffic Control Orders are in effect, they will be enforceable.

Commissioner Milhiem moved to approve Traffic Order #139, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #139
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street WEST RIVER STREET in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on West River Street from Watson Road to the west City Limits.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #140 – EAST RIVER STREET
Commissioner Smith moved to approve Traffic Order #140, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #140
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street EAST RIVER STREET in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on East River Street from Farmer Street to the east City Limits.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #141 – SOUTH FARMER STREET
Commissioner Milhiem moved to approve Traffic Control Order #141, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #141
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street SOUTH FARMER STREET in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on South Farmer Street from Washington/Dix Street to the south City Limits.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #142 – WASHINGTON STREET
A brief discussion took place regarding the if the school desires to reduce the speed limit before and after school. This request has to come from the school, City Manager Mitchell will email the school and inform them of the change.

Commissioner Milhiem moved to approve Traffic Control Order #142, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #142
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street WASHINGTON STREET in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on Washington Street from Washington Street Elementary School to the west City Limits.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #143 – WATSON ROAD

Commissioner Milhiem moved to approve Traffic Order #143, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #143
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street WATSON ROAD in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of forty (40) miles per hour on Watson Road from River Street to the north City Limits.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #144 – SOUTH WILMOTT STREET
Commissioner Smith moved to approve Traffic Control Order #144, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #144
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street SOUTH WILMOTT STREET in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on South Wilmott Street from Dix Street to the south City Limits.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #145 – NORTH FARMER STREET
Commissioner Milhiem moved to approve Traffic Order #145, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #145
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street NORTH FARMER STREET in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway

hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour on North Farmer Street from Allegan Street to River Street.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #146 – DIX STREET

City Manager Mitchell commented that he will also inform the school of this Traffic Control Order. A discussion took place regarding the frustrations with the parking and traffic on Dix Street by the schools in general and during school pick-up.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve Traffic Order #146, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #146
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street DIX STREET in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour on Dix Street from Farmer Street to Allegan Street.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED – Yes – Smith, Moore, Withee. No – Milhiem.

J. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #147 – NORTH FARMER STREET
Commissioner Milhiem moved to approve Traffic Control Order #147, as presented, seconded by Member Moore.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #147
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street NORTH FARMER STREET in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of forty (40) miles per hour on North Farmer Street from River Street to the north City Limits.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

K. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #148 – BROOKSIDE DRIVE
Commissioner Smith moved to approve Traffic Control Order #148, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore.

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #148
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street BROOKSIDE DRIVE in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour on Brookside Drive from Allegan Street to Lawrence Drive.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

L. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC ORDER #149 – LAWRENCE DRIVE

Commissioner Milhiem moved to approve Traffic Control Order #149, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore.

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**TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #149
ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADWAY**

Pursuant to 1949 PA 300, as amended, and engineering and traffic investigation has been made with respect to City Street LAWRENCE DRIVE in the City of Otsego, in Allegan County. After reviewing the investigation, we have determined a reasonable and safe speed limit under the existing conditions at the intersection or any other place or part of such highway hereafter described. Therefore, we direct the Otsego Department of Public Works to erect and maintain official signs, to comply with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Control Devices, which give notice of the following determination:

In the County of Allegan, City of Otsego:

A speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour on Lawrence Drive from Howard Street to Eley Street.

Any Traffic Control Order previously made with respect to the above are rescinded and superseded.

This Order becomes effective when signs giving notice of the above have been erected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. AGREEMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE OTSEGO

DDA/MAIN STREET FOR THE GUS MACKER EVENT – AUGUST 25-28, 2022
Commissioner Smith moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Otsego DDA/Main Street for the Gus Macker Event on August 25-28, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager gave updates on the following:

1. He thanked and offered his appreciation to Officer Weber for the traffic count study.
2. He welcomed Deputy City Clerk Monica Nagel. He commented that she has incredible knowledge and talent. He noted that she will still be working at the Police Department.
3. Pre-Construction on East Allegan Street in late July. He has notified the Creative Arts Festival and Gus Macker Committees of the construction.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Nick Breedveld, 1101 Barton – he commented that it is about time and that it was nice to see that Gus Macker/DDA is paying for the Gus Macker ads in the Shopper's Guide and the Shopper's Guide/Marty is not paying for them. He commended them for paying for the advertisement.

Wayne Rayburn, 621 Lawrence – he asked if the Traffic Control Orders were required by the State. Officer Weber stated that they were needed for the speed limits to be enforceable. Mr. Rayburn mentioned that someone is going to get hurt on Dix Street with the way people drive. He commented that there will be four different speed limits within a town of three miles. He asked if there are other streets affected. Officer Weber stated that it is a work in progress and he is working on the streets without the needed set-points, and if the street has the required amount of set-points it will be twenty-five miles per hour. Mayor Withee commented that the schools can pursue the lower speed limits for before and after school, if they desire.

COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith – he thanked the audience for all of their questions and for voicing their concerns. He thanked Officer Weber for explaining the process for establishing the Traffic Control Orders. He thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his report. He thanked City Manager Mitchell for his updates.

Commissioner Milhiem – he thanked County Commissioner Dugan for the ARPA funding, which will help us going forward and not affect the proprietary funds. He commented that he appreciated all of the work that Officer Weber did on the Traffic Control Orders, and commented that it is a legal obligation. He welcomed Deputy City Clerk Nagel and commented that she will do a great job. He commented that Clerk Cronen can now get some well-deserved time off. He stated that he hoped everyone is enjoying the summer so far, and hoped that everyone had a good 4th of July.

Commissioner Moore – he echoed the comments of Commissioner Milhiem and Smith. He thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his report. He thanked Officer Weber for all of the time he spent making sure the speed limits are legal and enforceable. He thanked Clerk Cronen for everything she does. He thanked the Commission for all of their time and effort that they put in.

Mayor Withee – she thanked the audience for attending. She thanked County Commissioner Dugan for his work on Rock-Tenn, the river cleanup, ARPA funds, and all that he has done for our community. She thanked Officer Weber and expressed her appreciation for the explanation of how the speed limits are calculated. She congratulated and thanked Deputy City Clerk Nagel for stepping up. She commented that it will be good security for the City if Clerk Cronen is unavailable.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Milhiem, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED – 7:57 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk