

MINUTES
City of Niagara
PUBLIC HEARING
ATV / UTV AMENDED ORDINANCE PROPOSAL
May 2, 2019
Niagara City Hall
1029 Roosevelt Road
Niagara, WI 54151

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Committee Chairman Larry Kuchinski.

Present: Committee Members Larry Kuchinski, Dan Decker, Glenn Lantagne and Roger Allen. Also present: Police Chief Angela Moreau and Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick. Excused: Committee Member Craig Bartolac.

Public Hearing Attendees: Zach Oliveira, Don Dabb, Leonard Peterson, Edward Sonnenberg, Mark Lanthier, Shane DeJardin and David Sanicki

A motion was made by Dan Decker and seconded by Glenn Lantagne to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Fredrick attested that the Public Hearing was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

- The notice was published in the Iron Mountain Daily News on April 25, 2019.
- The notice was posted at Niagara City Hall, mBank and Forward Financial Credit Union.

Dan Decker moved to acknowledge the compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Glenn Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Zach Oliveira, secretary of UPROAR (Upper Peninsula Recreational Off-Road ATV Riders) noted that the ATV/UTV use in Dickinson County has increased business at restaurants and gas stations. Glenn Lantagne asked how the UPROAR club policed itself, or other riders. Mr. Oliveira said that there has been no need to, because there have not been any problems.
- Leonard Peterson reported that he was involved with the ATV / UTV ordinance in Kingsford, MI. There have been no notable issues to date. Roger Allen questioned if ATV / UTV usage remained steady. Mr. Peterson stated that usage has increased. He also noted that there are currently efforts being made to allow ATVs / UTVs on County Road N, beginning at the corner of County Road B – Florence County (at the co-op building) and heading west.

- David Sanicki reported that he has been working with Marinette County to get the intersection of County Roads O and N in Niagara Township opened for riding.

Dan Decker informed the meeting attendees that the Police Department needs to get the statute numbers in the City TRACS ticketing system for citation reference. The tentative date for this information to be ready is in early June, 2019. The amended ordinance will be in place for one year, and will then be reviewed.

Police Chief Angela Moreau stated that the primary concern is public safety and property damage. She has talked with other police chiefs, and they did not have any significant issues.

There were no comments made in opposition to the proposed amended ordinance.

Larry Kuchinski noted that the decision of the Committee would need to be brought to the City Council for final approval. The monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Dan Decker made a motion to make a positive recommendation to the Niagara City Council to approve the proposed amendments **Vehicles, All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Operation Sec. 10-4-1; Sec. 10-4-2** which will allow for lawful ATV / UTV use on all City streets, with the exception of US Highway 141. Glenn Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, Dan Decker moved to adjourn the meeting. Glenn Lantagne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.