



**Minutes
Public Information Meeting
May 15, 2023**

5:00 p.m. Public Information Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch opened the public information meeting regarding the Ferry Avenue Sidewalk project at 5:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the construction site at the corner of Ferry and Grant Avenues.

Council members present: Kevin Black, Merv Schmidt, Dale Rey, Larry Hall and Keith St. Jeor.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden, Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens. Police Chief Paul Bowden was in attendance for a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting. The arborist hired for the sidewalk construction project was in attendance as well.

Approximately 20 residents attended.

Mayor Poch welcomed everyone and gave a summary of why the meeting was called. During the arborist evaluation of the Ferry Avenue Sidewalk Project, it was discovered that all if not most of the 34 street trees along Ferry Avenue will need to be removed in order to complete the sidewalk improvement project. The Mayor turned the meeting over to the arborist to explain the situation in more detail at 5:03pm.


The initial intent was to cut the tree roots and pour new sidewalk over them however, the tree roots are far too large. Cutting the roots would compromise the health and stability of the trees and would cause a huge liability issue for the Town.


Most residents in attendance were not happy with the decision to remove the trees and asked for alternatives to be researched. Due to the timing of the sidewalk construction, taking time to research would cause very costly construction delays.

The meeting was purely informational and allowed the residents to ask questions and voice their comments and concerns.

There were no council decisions made during this informational meeting.

The meeting adjourned 6:10pm

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden