

Special meeting of the mayor and council was held September 17, 2015, 4:30 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Teri Cordill, Devin Renken, Tonya Kuhn. Council member John Bisnette was absent. Also present: Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Glen Hofbauer, and Doug Lantz.

Mayor Jennifer Brush called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussion regarding the proposed Ordinance #962 to vacate a portion of Clark Street.

Mayor Brush reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals had just met at 4:00 p.m. and Scoular's application for a variance was approved. Mayor Brush introduced Glen Hofbauer and Doug Lantz, with the Scoular Company. John questioned Glen about any possibility of keeping Clark Street open. Glen explained the safety issues with a blind intersection. He said that Scoular has entered into the annexation agreement in good faith and strongly feels that the street needs to be closed. He commended the council for doing what is best for the city. Council discussed other safety issues with the Scoular representatives. There was concern about breaking the train if Morgan Avenue was blocked during an ambulance or fire call. Doug said that he would contact the railroad and send contact information to the Downs Emergency Services/Fire Department volunteers. Mayor Brush will be contacting Dave Geraci, Vice-President of the Genesee and Wyoming Railroad for options regarding another crossing. Glen noted that it would be the end of November before the street is closed permanently.

Following the discussion, John moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Devin seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk