

# Village of Ferrelview

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205 NW Heady Ave Ferrelview, MO 64163 Phone: (816) 464-5010 Fax (816) 464-2383

## Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing held April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6 PM

### **In attendance were:**

**Board Members:** Elizabeth Damm, Mathew Damm, Edward Evans and Grant Lewton

**Village Staff:** City Administrator April Baxter

**Absent:** None

**Audience Members:** Joshua Foster, Debra Hoback, Wes Johnston, Andrea Vaccaro and Jared Wittwar

### **Call to Order-Chairman**

Chairman Elizabeth Damm called the public hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

Street Commissioner Edward Evans opened the public hearing with the facts surrounding the issues at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Heady Avenue. Mr. Evans stated that the Village has spent several hundred dollars just this year replacing the stop sign, pole and break away system at the intersection from the alarming amount semi traffic. Mr. Evans added that the Board has discussed other options for the intersection like placing large rocks on the corner to help protect the sign, painting stop lines, not replacing the stop sign and turning the intersection into a one way stop, and a few other options but they would like input from the public before any permanent decisions are made.

Ms. Damm added that the Board has considered widening the intersection but are unable to because part of the roadway is within the boundaries of Kansas City, MO.

### **Public Comment:**

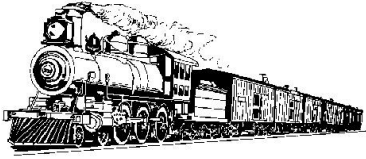
Ms. Baxter read a letter submitted from resident Rachel Hendrix regarding her stance on how to improve the intersection.

Ms. Hoback stated that she has lived here a very long time and she doesn't remember the stop sign being knocked down as much as it has been recently. She added that she has seen Village Maintenance replace the sign just for it to be down a few hours later.

Ms. Vaccaro stated that she supports the idea from Ms. Hendrix regarding moving the stop sign back a few feet, placing it on a taller pole and painting stop lines on the intersection for periods when the sign may be damaged or missing.

Mr. Johnston stated that signs could be placed at the intersection of Chester Ave and 1<sup>st</sup> Street alerting drivers of the stop sign ahead and that they also make devices for parking garages that can be ran over and they spring back up into place once the vehicle has cleared the sign.

Mr. Lewton asked if the bushes before the stop sign could be removed. Ms. Damm stated that they are on private property and the City would have to get permission from the home owner to do so.



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Ms. Damm stated that there are state requirements for stop sign placement. Mr. Lewton stated that the information he has found on the internet requires the sign within 50 feet of the roadway. Ms. Bater stated that the City has also entertained place concrete pillars to protect the sign but she is concerned that adding those would create an issue where the semis are unable to complete the left turn, forcing them to turn right, where several utilities are located including a natural gas line.

Mr. Damm suggested placing the stop sign on an overhead arm so that it could be clearly seen and placing the stop lines on the ground.

Ms. Vaccaro asked if a mirror could be placed on a pole to help increase visibility. Ms. Baxter replied that research could be on where to obtain those types of items.

Mr. Evans thanked the audience for all their valued feedback.

## **Adjourn Meeting**

A motion was made by Grant Lewton to adjourn the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Edward Evans.

Motion carries 4-0-0-0

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:26 PM

The minutes of the public hearing held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were approved by the Board of Trustees on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Chairman of the Board

Attest:

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City Clerk