

### CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA Tuesday, February 11, 2014 6:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Public Hearing Items:
  - a. Discussion and possible action concerning the possibility of changing Brueger Street to a One-way street
- 4. Written Testimony
- 5. Oral Testimony
- 6. Adjournment

## **Agenda Item 3a**

### **CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

### BOROUGH ASSEMBLY PH AGENDA ITEM February 11, 2014

#### INFORMATION:

Discussion and possible action concerning the possibility of changing Brueger Street to a One-way street

#### Attachments:

- 1. Memorandum from Borough Manager Jabusch, dated January 22, 2014
- 2. Memorandum from Public Works Director, Carl Johnson, dated January 22, 2014
- 3. Map of the Area

#### **eMEMORANDUM**

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

FROM: JEFF JABUSCH

**BOROUGH MANAGER** 

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING

BRUEGER STREET FROM A TWO WAY STREET TO A ONE WAY STREET

I was asked to look into changing Brueger Street to a one way Street. Attached is a memo from Public Work Director showing that this cost is about \$1,700 and offers a couple of advantages. One is the increased parking on the street. Another is the safety factors of which one is the blind corner and stop sign at Bob's when turning left onto Campbell Drive. Another is when there is a lot of parking between Bobs' entrance and city hall on both sides of the street, it is almost impossible for two cars to pass.

This change certainly has merit. I also understand that change is not an easy thing and this would be no exception. I would recommend a public hearing to let affected business and others an opportunity to voice concerns that maybe we have not thought of.

If the assembly wants to pursue this, I would recommend the following.

#### **Recommended Motion:**

Move to schedule a public hearing and to notify all businesses that would be directly affected prior to making a final decision to make Brueger Street a one way street.

#### **Attachments:**

Memo from Carl Johnson and a map of what the parking would look like with a one way street.

## City & Borough of Wrangell Public Works Dept.

### Memo

**To:** Jeff Jabusch **From:** Carl Johnson

CC:

**Date:** January 22, 2014

**Re:** Making Brueger Street a one-way street

Jeff.

Public Works measured the width of Brueger Street at a number of points along its length. The attached map shows these measurements as the width of the driving lane after two eight foot parking lanes are deducted from the width. For comparison, the driving lanes on Front Street are 13 feet wide. Most other streets in town vary from nine feet to 12 feet in driving lane width.

The hatched areas on the map are the approximate areas of potential parking and the white lines show the approximate driving lane. The areas shown are only approximate and may not completely reflect corner and fire hydrant set-backs. By making a change to One-Way, the City could possibly extend curb-side parking toward the West end of Bruger Street and add 3-4 parking spaces.

The consensus from businesses I spoke to was that they didn't think there was currently a big problem and would rather leave Brueger Street as it and is but, if they had to choose, they would prefer one-way traffic and retaining parking to two way and eliminating parking on one side. The preference was also that the direction of travel be in a generally Westerly direction, which would be from Bob's toward the Elks.

The cost of Signage to make Brueger Street One-Way traveling West would be about \$1,700 for materials. This is using book prices, which are usually higher than what the City actually pays, and includes some parking signs and posts in addition to the traffic signs. The labor could be two days for two guys, mostly because we will need to install some additional posts.

Thanks, Carl

