

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

March 15, 2023

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Frank Pyles, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Fred Davis, Russ Brown, Mike Kilkenny, Michael Holloran and Sandy Haechrel

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Larry Fairclo

STAFF PRESENT: David Mills – Transportation Manager, Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Dan Richardson – City Council Representative and Cindy Keverer - Administrative Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pyles at 7:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the March agenda was made by Kilkenny and seconded by Holloran. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

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7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

1. The local asphalt plants are schedule to open soon. Munsen Paving is scheduled for April 3rd and Granite is scheduled to open next week. Once the asphalt plants are consistently running, the city crews will begin working on the pothole list and patching all of the potholes around town. The Transportation team will also be grinding the wheel ruts on @ 10th Street and patching them back.
2. Cherry Festival is scheduled to be held April 17 – April 22nd. The City's painting program will concentrate on the parade route and the downtown core so the areas are clearly marked for all who visit our town. The carnival will have First Street closed during the week of the Cherry Festival.
3. Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) have requested a bus stop on 2nd Street just west of Taylor Street. This will eliminate one parking spot in that area.
4. At the end of April an asphalt grinding company will move into the City and grind several areas around town. Once the area has had the asphalt ground out, the City will re-pave the areas.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Nothing at this time.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Lesich reported she has been working with owners of vehicles with expired tags. She tagged 72 vehicles in January and 46 in February. She consistently works with owners of vehicles that don't run to get them off the streets and hauled away.
2. Codes Enforcement is currently working with Union Pacific Railroad regarding illegal camps in the UPRR right of way. Officials with the UPRR will be asking the campers to leave their illegal camp sites. Other areas around town will continue to be monitored.
3. Graffiti tagging continues to be a problem. Please report any sign of graffiti as soon as you see it so it can be quickly removed.

D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. The Trevitt Street Utility Upgrade Project has installed the last manhole and all piping. A walk thru will be done for the punch list. Paving the road will complete the project.
2. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and E 12th Street surveying contracts have been put together and are ready for the next step of the process.
3. The SRTS Grant Agreement was sent back to ODOT for final execution.
5. The City is continuing to review the 50/50 sidewalk applications we have recently received.
6. The contractor for the ADA curbs has been making good progress at the Brentwood Drive intersection and at the 11th Street and Oregon Street intersection.
7. The First Street Project is moving forward. City staff met with engineering firm KPPF for the next phase.
8. City Council approved moving ahead on the contract for the water line project on E 9th Street. This should start the first week of April.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Holloran and seconded by Kilkenny to approve the February minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. None

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

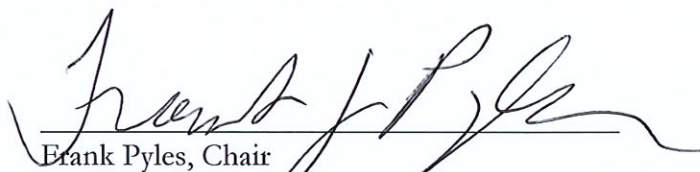
Chairman Pyles stated the traffic is continuing to travel too fast in the downtown core area. The speed limit is 20 mph on 2nd Street and 3rd Street and cars are easily traveling 30 to 35 mph, especially once the driver is past the traffic lights. Other members agreed they have witnessed the speeding too and would welcome any extra police patrols. Times when drivers seem to be speeding the most are when people are heading to work in the morning and getting off work at night. While the traffic lights are blinking, both in the morning and at night, drivers seem to frequently speed also.

11. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 7:48 a.m.

Submitted by/
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED:


Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:


Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department