

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

April 19, 2023

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

- PRESIDING:** Frank Pyles, Chairman
- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Fred Davis, Russ Brown, Michael Holloran, Larry Fairclo and Sandy Haechrel
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Mike Kilkenny
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Jeremy Dutton and Cindy Keever - Administrative Secretary
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Dottie Ray – Safe Routes to School Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pyles at 7:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the April agenda was made by Davis and seconded by Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

See Discussion Items 9A

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7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

See City Engineer report for combined transportation and engineering report.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

1. Officer Dutton updated the group with ongoing programs and statistics for April.
2. April is Distracted Driving month and 60 hours of overtime was approved to deal with distracted driving issues.
3. Discussion regarding drivers not stopping at the intersections of 12th Street and Dry Hollow Road and 10th Street and Trevitt Street.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Lesich reported she has been working with ODOT and UPRR to help clear right of way areas of homeless camps.
2. Lesich said the volunteer who traveled around town picking up shopping carts is no longer doing it, so expect to see more carts around town.
3. Dealing with abandoned vehicles, cars parked on sidewalks, graffiti tagging and tracking of trees hanging too low over sidewalks and streets are continual issues.

D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. The Trevitt Street Utility Upgrade Project will soon have the side streets closed and paving will finish the project.
2. The surveying and design on 6th Street is continuing.
3. The Asphalt Crack Seal Project has been awarded and should be completed by the end of June.
4. The Transportation Division will do an asphalt seal coat on 2nd Street during the first week of June.
5. The ADA curb project is continuing at a good pace. Currently work is taking place on Union Street. The ADA curb at Cherry Heights and 9th Streets is next.

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6. The 50/50 Sidewalk Project has been a success. Three upcoming commercial projects are 4th Street and Washington Street, St. Peter’s Church (north side) and Union Street between 2nd and 3rd Street. More funds are still available for those interested in fixing their sidewalks and using 50/50 funds.

7. The Transportation Division will be starting a paving project next week.

8. Starting in May several big utility projects will occur on River Road, Klindt Drive and W. 2nd Street. These projects will continue throughout the summer.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Davis and seconded by Brown to approve the March minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Dottie Ray the Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Coordinator introduced herself to the Traffic Safety Commission members and talked about some of her goals in her new position.

B. A request to have a 3-way stop installed on 10th Street at the Webber Street intersection was denied. Members agreed there can be times when several minutes are needed to safely turn onto 10th Street, there isn’t consistently enough traffic to warrant a 3 way stop. Also, 10th Street is the only through street in town and with a 4 way stop approximately 4 blocks away the members agreed creating another stop is not what the street is designed for.

C. Members thanked Davis for his time served on the commission. Davis said he feels that it is important to volunteer and has enjoyed being a part of the Traffic Safety Commission.

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 8:03 a.m.

Submitted by/
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED: _____
Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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