

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

May 17, 2023

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

- PRESIDING:** Frank Pyles, Chairman
- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mike Kilkenny, Russ Brown, Michael Holloran, Larry Fairclo and Sandy Haechrel
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None, one position vacant
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Nikki Lesich – Codes Enforcement, Jeremy Dutton – City Police, Dan Richardson – City Councilor and Cindy Keever - Administrative Secretary
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Dottie Ray – Safe Routes to School Coordinator and Lisa Kaseberg – District #21 Director of Transportation

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pyles at 7:03 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 Kilkenny and seconded by Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lisa Kaseberg asked if a crosswalk could be installed at 10th Street and Vey Way. The school district drops

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off many students at 8th Street and Vey Way bus stop and then the kids have to cross 10th Street on their walk home. Staff will look at the area and discuss possibilities for that area. The area could possibly also be a good fit for a RFB (Rapid Flashing Beacon) adjacent to the crosswalk. Information will be gathered and taken to the June meeting.

Kaseberg also said there is a big need for a crosswalk near the American Village apartments in the 2400 block of W 10th Street. She said just last week three drivers had ran the red stop sign and lights on the bus as the kids were boarding and/or unloading. Morning time seems to be the most dangerous time.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

1. Crack sealing is being conducted this week.
2. On June 5th and 6th, the downtown area on 2nd Street, between Taylor Street and Lincoln Street will be getting the Liquid Road Treatment and there will be no parking on one side of the street while treatment is being applied.
3. During the last week of June the Transportation team will chip seal areas around town and then will follow up with fog seal material on the chip sealed roads in July and August.

B. CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

1. Officer Dutton explained with the recent loss of several police officer positions the position of traffic officer will not be filled any time soon.

C. CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

1. Lesich reported vegetation is really growing so her abatement letters to property owners has increased substantially.
2. Lesich said she has tagged 301 abandoned vehicles since the first of this year with a 97% positive response.
3. The volunteer who picked up the stray grocery carts around town has retired so there will most likely be more carts abandoned around town.
4. The County employee who handled the cleaning of graffiti around town no longer works for the County. A new solution is being sought.
5. Codes Enforcement is currently working with the railroad on clearing the homeless camp on railroad property.

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D. CITY ENGINEER REPORT

1. The ADA Ramp Project is almost finished. The Transportation Division will be paving the areas that were affected with the curb installations.
2. Two of the 50/50 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Projects are almost complete. They are at 4th Street and Washington Street and at the intersection of 3rd Street and Union Street.
3. A storm line project will soon begin for the Navigation Center.
4. At the 9th and Oregon Streets intersection the fiber line will be moved during storm sewer work.
5. The project on River Road and W 2nd Street continues.
6. The City currently has the Construction and Development Inspector position open. The City hopes to fill the position soon.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Election of officers to be postponed until the June meeting.
- B. The request for the removal of "No Parking This Block" signs along Dry Hollow Road was discussed and it was decided to leave the "No Parking This Block" signs in place. Holloran made a motion to deny the request and Pyles seconded the motion. All were in favor of denying the request. Zero were against.
- C. A discussion regarding eliminating the crosswalk on Dry Hollow @ the 3-way intersection near the Dry Hollow School was brought up. Dottie Ray and Lisa Kaseberg, D#21 staff members, told the commission the northern crosswalk shouldn't be used for the children attending the school. This crosswalk leads to the edge of the road or a bank and is unsafe for the children to walk on. Commission members agreed the other two crosswalks at that intersection are safer for crossing. City staff agreed to discontinue painting the crosswalk to discourage students using it.

10. ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

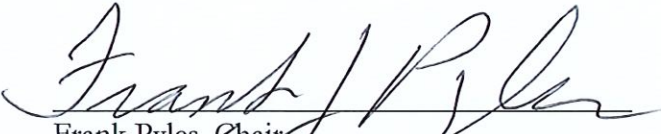
Kilkenny asked if members could look at the intersection of 10th Street and Walnut Street. The

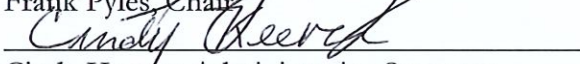
shrubs and arbor with plants on it are causing visibility issues.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned @ 8:12 a.m.

Submitted by/
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED: 
Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST: 
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
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