

Traffic Commission
Official Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2019 @ 6:00pm
602 S. Main St, Joplin, MO 64801, 5th Floor Council Study

Roll Call:

- Members Present: Robert Schroer, Ervin Wilson, Eric Wood, Michael Mayer, William Tylle, Alicia Edens, James Fleischaker
- City Staff Present: Steven Martinez, Civil Engineer; Dan Johnson, Assistant Director of Public Works: Engineering
- Citizens Present:

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made to accept May 9, 2019 minutes as written - No Corrections Recommended
- Motion to accept minutes as written; motion seconded; Ayes were unanimous

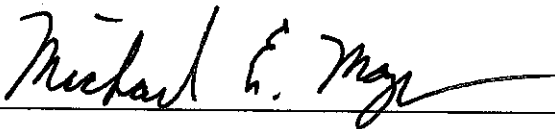
Old Business:

- 1st Street Speeding Reported Near Athletic Complex
 - Action pending speed report from Joplin Police Department.
 - Previously completed speed study did not justify action by City. It was discussed at the May 9th meeting that the Police Department would monitor speeds at times and days other than those listed on previous speed study.
 - Speed studies will be done annually in reported locations with possible speed issues.
- Traffic Calming Policy
 - Policy was reviewed and discussed by City Council during Informal Council meeting. No action planed at that time; Council reviewed and formed questions.
 - Policy was added to Council work session in the weeks following the informal meeting. Council, at that time, asked relevant questions and presented recommendations.
 - Final draft was presented for first reading at Council Meeting on July 1, 2019. Second and Third Council reading needed.
 - Dan Johnson, Assistant Director of Public Works, Engineering, reviewed steps and relevant changes to final draft with Commission.
 - Commission requested 25/75 cost share between residents and City, respectively. City recommended 75/25 cost share, respectively. Cost share was stricken from the policy, per City Council decision. Traffic Calming was not included on ballot to permit use of funds. Traffic Calming will be funded from Transportation Sales Tax which is a regular sales tax used for street maintenance, public transit, and other operations.
 - Council will review a request for a budget amendment at an upcoming Council meeting for Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the current budget for Traffic Calming.
 - Estimated cost of putting speedhumps on all residential roads will cost Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000.00). Dan Johnson stated the City must use the priority and ranking system explained in the policy to determine need due to possibility of the number of requests for speedhumps being greater than available funds.
 - The City has a paving contract for the current year with Emery Sapp and Sons. Estimated to be mobilizing in September to install speedhumps on 36th street; a project previously requested by resident Morris Glaze, and reviewed and recommended by the Traffic Commission.

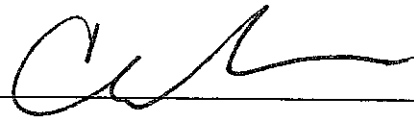
New Business:

- Introduction of new Traffic Engineer, Karl Doner
- Traffic Signal Timing
 - Concern from Commission members regarding traffic signal timing during low traffic
 - Virginia and 2nd Street
 - Joplin and 2nd Street
 - Issue is due to stacking from traffic. Lights are set for timing related to the busiest time of day. Systems are not designed to adjust the light timing to take into consideration different levels of traffic. Signals are difficult to time due to closeness of signals and needed flow of traffic.
 - Replacing signals with stop signs was suggested by Commission but was informed by City staff they are not warranted in that location.
 - Commission requested meeting with the Traffic Engineer to discuss this, and other, traffic signal concerns.
 - The City of Joplin only has one Signal Technician on staff for all City traffic signals and the level of service the City is able to provide reflects that.
- Stormwater
 - Commission members brought up Stormwater issues in the area. Steven Martinez, Stormwater Engineer and Dan Johnson informed them the City is aware of the locations and they are on a list of needs that are unfunded due to lack of stormwater funds.
- 4th Street Speed Limit Change
 - Speed Limit was recently dropped to 25mph but is being ignored.

Motion to adjourn meeting; seconded; Ayes Unanimous



Michael Mayer, Chairman



Carrie Mercadante, Senior Clerk