Traffic Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016

Ryan Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Present were the following commission members: Ryan Jackson, Beverly Oakes, Candy Gagle, Michael Mayer, Robert Schroer, Eric Wood, and Ervin Wilson.. City staff members present were: Dan Salisbury, Assistant Public Works Director; Brandon Louderback, Engineer Technician, Cpl Joe Kowis, JPD Traffic Division and Bet Willhite, Engineering Senior Clerk.

Also present were guest citizens: Bob Scheldon and Mark Stevenson

Approval of Minutes

MR. WILSON MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. WOOD TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 11, 2014, MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

7 Ayes – 0 Nays

MR. WILSON MOVED, SECONDED BY MR WOOD TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 14, 2016, MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

7 Ayes – 0 Nays

Old Business

- Converting 20th Street from Range Line Rd to Main St to a Commercial Vehicle Route was opened for discussion.
    - Concerns of the guests and some of the Commission Board members are:
        - Mixed traffic on the corridor, at present, has brought concern to the said mentioned areas and now adding the truck route further deteriorates the area.
        - Truck engines and increased heavy traffic driving over manholes in the roadway creates additional noise
        - Speed of traffic will increase, particularly in the early morning hours
        - Due to the newly constructed high school at 20th and Indiana, the proposed construction of the new library at 26th and Connecticut, there is concern for the safety of pedestrian and bicycle traffic

- Due to the mixed zoning classifications in the area, the commission did not see the need for the change in the designation of the corridor to a Commercial Vehicle Route.
- Wanted to know the impact of the amount of commercial vehicle traffic flow in the area
- Of those who were surveyed, how many responded in favor of the route designation
- How many property owners are needed to counter route designation?
- Commission did not feel there were significant changes that necessitated the need, at this point in time, to designate 20th Street as being a Commercial Vehicle route

o Dan Salisbury addressed the Commission Board Member's concerns:

- The 20th Street corridor was changed to a Commercial Vehicle Route due to citizen complaints, mainly from those on 15th Street
- In concern for the opinion and interest of the of the citizens and/or property owners, the City surveyed, by way of correspondence, 550 people along the 20th Street corridor as well as those residents within one (1) block north and south of the corridor, asking for a response of those who had a concern regarding the designated Commercial Vehicle Route. Received responses of concerns from 1% of the 550 surveyed.
- Current route has open space where commercial vehicles use as "most direct route" for commercial delivery, therefore, Law Enforcement has no means to restrict commercial traffic in use of the "open space" area which is being used as the "most direct route" particularly due to the fact that "Most direct route" is not clearly defined.
- Trucks are currently on some roads where we do not want them to be on due to small corridors, roads not able to accommodate weight of commercial vehicles which would evolve into a more frequent repair cycle, then generate additional pavement repairs fees which does not fit our budget.
- Additional road usages brings additional citizen complains
- 20th Street is a better road for commercial vehicles since it provides a full east-to-west route, in addition to the current route of 7th Street.
- Would keep limited use on residential streets and two lane, low volume traffic areas and put most of the commercial vehicle traffic on a five (5) land corridor.

- 32nd Street is designated as a "Truck Route" but has little Commercial Truck traffic for the exception of those areas close to the interstate corridors. Those areas are regulated by MODot even though they are within the city limits of Joplin.

- A trail is projected to be built to reduce concern of risk for pedestrian and bicycle traffic along this corridor.

- Future of 20th St – Per Planning and Zoning Direct, future projection for the area is mixed use; Residential and Commercial. Investors/Developers will have to have an interest in the area for development, Residents will have to agree to rezone the area, therefore, unable to provide definitive answers to the question as to the future of the area.

- A trail is being built and citizens through the city are asking why trucks are traveling down their street and want a resolution. The City feels the resolution is designating the 20th Street corridor as an additional truck route.

- The consensus among the city engineers and consulting engineers is that they do feel as though there will not be a significant change in traffic either on 20th Street nor 15th Street, however, there will be some increase in commercial vehicle flow on 20th Street due to it being a larger and more through thoroughfare. Accurate figures are not available at this time.

- Motion to eliminate the proposal of 20th Street being designated as a Commercial Truck route was moved by Candy Gagle, seconded by Beverly Oakes.

  - 6 Ayes – 1 Nay

New Business

- Bicycle lanes and hiking trial protected crossings are to be added on Zora Avenue and St Louis Avenue that intersect with the Frisco Hiking Trail with a raised median in road.

  - At a later time line, the possibility of pedestrian signals in that same area will be considered and/or the crossing area will be paved in red concrete, depending on the cost analysis.

  - Motion in favor of the bicycle lanes and hiking tail crossing was moved by Beverly Oaks, second by Michael Mayer.

    - 7 Ayes – 0 Nays

- An intersection study has been done in the morning and in the evening at C St and Byers Ave to place signage for no parking that will reduce sight obstruction in the area. Signage has more time expectancy, therefore, more cost effective than painting curbs or using colored concerted in a designate area.
    - Motion in favor of signage was moved by Ervin Wilson, second by Eric Wood.
        - Vote: 7 Ayes – 0 Nays
- KCS Railroad Crossing at 18th Street, that was referenced on the agenda is being tabled at this time.
- The following topics were presented for knowledge and information purposes only and were not deemed to be voted on:
    - Manhole adjustments to improve ridability with Capital Improvement Tax funds. Repair will be made during the current resurfacing that is going on, currently and a new project set for this spring will originate to beid for a contract to have all rough manholes on all arterial routes to be replaced with more permanent and proper rings and surfacing around the rough manholes in the highest traffic volume streets.
    - Dumpster specification and approval letter for placement on city streets is being introduced and implemented for knowledge and enforcement for contractors
    - MUTCD (Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices) restricting access inquiry regarding the use of traffic control methods on streets that are under construction state the minimum requirement which is what is being enforced.
    - Suggestion was made for the City of Joplin to amend their Engineering policy regarding the MUTCD, requiring a minimum use of arrow boards for more-advance awareness, thereby, enhancing safety in construction area and being considtant throughtout all construction sites.
    - A letter was given to contractors letting them know that there are some things that they were forgetting to do regarding traffic control. The Tristate Contractor's Association has been recruited to put proper traffic control methods out through their communication channels as a reminder and for them to check with the City.
    - New Paving Program strategy is being put in place to cycle paving of the high traffic volume streets as set forth under A system set forth by JATSO System and take care of the high propriety areas. The cycle will keep roads in good condition preventing expensive repair of extremely deteriorated pavement. Plan backed on funding. Every _10 years, high volume traffic streets will be repaired and the less traffic volume streets every _17 – 20 years cycles. The cycle is to enhance the upkeep of

ridablity for the major volumn streets that service the majority of citizens within the means of our budget.

- Repairing of utility cuts. Historically, utility co does the repair. Not in construction business, so is temp. City contactor repairs --- when the city knows about the cut. Not away of all cuts generated by of plumber/contractors since they have lack of understanding in the need for purchase of permit in the city right of way. Trying to address this issue through correspondence to contracts which was referenced earlier tonight.
  - Repair is: concrete to surface and suggested materials/techniques to prevent settling. If seen, needs to be brought to the City's attention.
- Large utility companies have been provided suggestion if they hire their own contractors to execute repairs since the cost would possibly be less that having the City contractor repair the roadway and the city inspect the repair work. Council Action would be required to develop the fee structure.
- Future Projects:
  - RR on 10th & Penn. Is working through the system, Area is being surveyed and still some doubt as ownership, therefore, not certain of responsibility.
  - 18th Street RR crossing will be closed, as determined by City Council.
  - 10th and Sergeant RR crossing is being present to the Council at a near future date.
  - 20th & Murphy intersection, will be coordinated with the recovery plans project.
  - Mohaska Road going to be closed to repair drainage system and put in a trail

Citizen Concerns

- 32nd St and McConnell, request for a light. Since that is controlled by MODot, the city has no jurisdiction to do anything regarding that intersection.
- Sign at 32nd and McConnell is on the ground, it will be passed onto MODot.
- Street sign at 33nd and Delaware, sign partially down.
- 18th & 19th and Jackson, street sign at both locations is turned 45 degrees from the actual street locations
- Commission would like to be notified when 20th Street Route conversion goes to Council

- The street signs at 18th and Jackson and 19th and Jackson have been turned 45 degrees from the actual street locations, made known by Mr Mayer.

With no further business to come before the Traffic Commission:

MR. WILSON MOVED, SECONDED BY MR MAYER TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED WITH MR. JACKSON, MS. OAKES, MS GAGLE, MR SCHROER, MR WOOD, VOTING "AYE" (7 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Beverly Oakes

~~Ryan Jackson, Chairman of the Commission~~

BEVERLY OAKES, ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

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Bet Willhite, Engineering Senior Clerk