Traffic Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2021 @ 6:00pm

602 S. Main St, Joplin, MO 64801, 5th Floor Council Study

Roll Call:

- Members Present: John Bowling, Michael Mayer, James Fleischaker, Cassandra Maxfield, Richard Schurman
- City Staff Present: Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer; Kaitlyn Rickey, Engineering Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of the Minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting.

Discussion Topics:

- Update on Purchase of Rubber Speed Humps
  - Mr. Rusk states that we installed speed humps on 36th street almost 2 years ago.
  - He states that those have worked out well, with some complaints from the public at the beginning, but as time passes, less and less complaints.
  - Dakota states that after reviewing the studies we conducted, the speed humps have effectively slowed speeding down and have rerouted traffic out of residential.
  - He states that through our purchasing policy, we have $10,000 to spend on 3 more sets of speed humps.
  - He states that if we get complaints, we can just remove them since they are quite easy to move and not permanent.
- Election of New Chair
  - Mr. Rusk states that since we elected out of cycle a couple months ago, he believes Mr. Mayer should continue to serve as Chair.
  - Mr. Mayer agrees.
- Updates on Traffic Memos and Complaints
  - Dakota states that we have put in a couple temporary handicap spots at 6th and Pearl for the Courthouse until the parking lot is completed, at request of the County Commissioner.
  - He states that he was told that these spots will only be necessary until July but Dakota thinks that it will be much longer before the parking lot is completed.
  - Dakota goes on to state that we also have reduced the speed limit on West 32nd street and the new speed limit signs were installed last week.
  - Before the change, from Central City to Crane Road, the speed limit was 45 mph but do the condition of the road out there, we have lowered it to 35 mph.
  - He states that we had looked into doing temporary repairs on that road, but it wasn't worth the cost since we will be tearing it out next year.
  - The pre bid meeting was held for this project today and we will have a couple different contractors bidding it out

Michael E. Mayer

Michael Mayer, Traffic Commission Chair

Dakota Rusk

Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer