ADA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Joplin City Hall
602 S. Main
5th Floor City Council Chambers
2:00 PM

I. Roll Call

Betty McCartney – Present
Vicki Gray – Not Present
James Ledford – Present
Jeff Hughey – Present
Shirley Ledford – Present
Naomi Gonzalez – Present
Steve Urie - Present

A quorum of members was present.

City Staff Present: Dave Allgood, Human Resources Director, Lynden Lawson, Assistant Director of Public Works, Trish Smith, Human Resources Assistant, recorder of minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the January 22, 2020, meeting were reviewed by all members. The Chair entered a motion to approve with a first and second motion. All members in favor, none opposed, and the minutes from the January 22, 2020, meeting were approved.

III. New Business

<u>New ADA Accessibility Committee Member</u>
New members Naomi Gonzalez and Shirley Ledford were present and welcomed to the committee.

IV. Unfinished Business

Transition Plan

Lynden Lawson gave an update on the Transition Plan. Lynden had an informal meeting with the City Council in March 2020 to give an update on the Transition Plan. Lynden explained that the Transition Plan shows: Where the City was, where the City is currently and where the City is going in the future regarding ADA requirements. Currently the City is conducting an assessment of the 2/3 of the sidewalks in the City that were not affected by the tornado. The assessment was originally due in June 2020, but because of COVID-19 the due date has changed to October 2020. Funds from CDBG are also being used to fix the sidewalks.

ADA Website

Lynden Lawson explained that the ADA website is for the public to find information regarding ADA Accessibility in the City of Joplin. Lynden is developing a survey for the website. So far he has only received one set of questions. He will update the website with the survey questions he has and add a few more.

Ramp for ADA access at City Hall

Lynden Lawson stated that an ADA access button has been placed on the east door of City Hall. It was mentioned in the meeting that there is not a sign on the east door stating that it is ADA accessible, but there is still a sign on the west door. The ADA access ramp at the west door does not meet code. There is no ADA access at the north door since the slope is wrong and can't be fixed.

Front counter window at the Police Department

Lynden Lawson stated that a buzzer has been installed at the front counter.

Jail Shower access for wheelchairs

Lynden Lawson stated that the bid for the Sally Port and ADA shower for the jail came in too high. Another RFP to bid for the shower will be conducted.

Access for Voting

ADA accessibility for voting was brought up. Voting requirements fall under Jasper County. The City Clerk can also give information on polling places.

ADA Complaints

Dave Allgood reminded committee members that if they see any areas in the City of Joplin that are not ADA Accessible to inform him. If there is a problem with a city owned building, contact Lynden Edwards. If there is a problem with any public building, contact Dave.

City Street Crossing

It was brought up that the crossing at 20th and Connecticut does not allow enough time for people to cross before turning red. Lynden will have the amount of time allowed to cross be adjusted.

V. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, with a first and second and all members present in agreement, the ADA Accessibility Committee meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be in January 2021.