Traffic Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023 @ 6:00pm

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

Roll Call:

- Members Present: Trevor Frerer, Shawn Hull, Richard Schurman, Cassandra Maxfield
- City Staff Present: Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer; Sergeant Delzell, Traffic Sergeant; Michael Chase, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of the Minutes of the May 11, 2023, meeting.

Discussion Topics:

- Oak Point Residents – Concern about speed humps
  - Concern that speed humps will be installed in neighborhood without majority support.
  - Process/reasoning for installation on 26th Street and Arbor Rd explained.
  - Speed humps would not be installed in neighborhood without neighborhood input.
  - For consistent offenders in the neighborhood, if notified, PD can help with those repeat speeders.
- Arbor Road Speed Humps
  - Speed humps have been installed as 32nd Street will be closed soon for further construction.
  - Neighborhood will be polled for final decision of keep them or remove them at the end of the closure.
  - Currently multiple complaints from residents in the neighborhood.
- High School Crossing
  - Cost share agreement with school going to school board.
  - Crosswalk will be installed before school starts.
- Safety Study
  - Split into a pedestrian safety study looking specifically at the pedestrian crashes and ordinance and into a full transportation study.
  - Presentation of Pedestrian Safety PowerPoint.
  - Looked at potential patterns of time of day, day of week, etc.
  - Biggest factor in fatalities was accidents that occurred on arterial streets with a generally higher traffic count and speed.
  - Also, higher rate of pedestrian accidents around schools.
  - Ordinance will be coming to council regarding pedestrian safety that will include items such as pedestrians not lingering in roadway, limiting interactions between pedestrians and vehicles, etc.
  - Further recommendations for projects will be coming with the full safety study.
- City Projects Update
  - 32nd Street – paving section of road that is closed west of Crane road and then will move to the section west of that and the section in front of Arbor Hills.

- Zora from Range Line to 249 – Still under design. Hope to have Phase I and II under construction this year.
- Connecticut from 32nd to I-44 – Out to bid.
- 20th from Schifferdecker to the West – Under design to nearly State Line. Construction currently is only planned to Central City Road.
- Tin Cup Trail – Had public meeting that was met mostly with positive feedback. Construction planned to start in early winter.
- Grand Falls Trail – Applying for additional grant funding. Still under design.

Traffic Commission Chair

Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer