Traffic Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2016

Dan Salisbury called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Present were the following commission members: Beverly Oakes, Candy Gagle, Michael Mayer, Eric Wood, and Ervin Wilson. City staff members present were: Dan Salisbury, Assistant Public Works Director; Cpl Joe Kowis, JPD Traffic Division and Jonathan Staats, Engineer Intern. Not present were Ryan Jackson, Chairman and Robert Schroer, Member

Beverly Oakes was nominated by Eric Wood to be Acting Chairperson in Ryan Jackson absence for this session only.

5 Ayes – 0 Nays, Motion passed

Mr Wilson moved, second by Mr Wood, to approve excused absence of Ryan Jackson, due to being out of town, business related.

5 Ayes – 0 Nays, Motion passed

Mr Schroer's absence was not moved on, in an attempt to determine the reason for his absence.

Approval of Minutes

MR. WOOD MOVED, SECOND BY MR. WILSON TO APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2016 MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

5 Ayes – 0 Nays, Motion passed

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Traffic Memos
  - Traffic Memo # 667
    - Stop Sign provided at 1st Street and Oak Ave (a former uncontrolled intersection).

- On Michigan Avenue from 4th Street to Jasper Street on the east side

- Local residents are provided a sticker that allows them to park in the resident parking areas.

- Motion in favor of accepting the parking restrictions as referenced was made by Mr Wood, second by Ms Gagle.

5 Ayes – 0 Nays, motion passed

- Traffic Memo # 670

  - Posting of an Intersection Warning "Tee" sign on Indiana Avenue at 50th Street.

  - Posting of four (4) equally spaced Object Marker signs on south side of intersection at 50th Street and Indiana Avenue.

    - Mr Wood questioned the distance of the sign from the intersection.

    - Mr Staats stated that it was 50 feet from the intersection and it is a reflective sign, therefore, is within ample sight distance.

    - Motion in favor of accepting the signage as referenced was made by Mr Wilson, second by Mr Mayer.

5 Ayes – 0 Nays, Motion passed

- Traffic Memo # 671

  - Posting of a "No parking driveway to here" sign 30 feet north and south of driveway location at 1027 S Main Street, (Gryphon Building) to comply with City Ordinance.

    - Motion in favor of accepting the signage as referenced was made by Mr Wood, second by Ms Gagle.

5 Ayes – 0 Nays, Motion passed

- Traffic Memo # 672

  - Posting of 25 mph speed limit sign for northbound traffic on east side of Jackson Avenue 517 feet south of 35th Street.

- Posting of 25 mph speed limit sign for southbound traffic on west side of Jackson Avenue at 33rd Street.

  - Motion in favor of accepting signage as referenced was made by Ms Gagle, second by Mr Mayer.

    5 Ayes – 0 Nayes, Motion passed.

- Proposing to reduce speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on Indiana between 23rd Street and 24th Street and place an advance warning sign at the distance that is in accordance with MUTCD guidelines.

  - Speed study reflects that speed limits is not observed and Cpl Kowis stated that he wrote 10 speeding tickets in 1.5 hrs earlier in the week.

  - Mr Wood recommended that if City Council passes the change and it becomes a Council Bill, that he media be notified to publicly announce the change.

    - Motion in favor of accepting the speed limit change as referenced was made by Mr Wood, second by Ms Gagle.

      5 Ayes – 0 Nays

    - Added by consensus, the change is to be publicized to the community through all means of media.

- 2016 Paving Program

  - Paving contract was awarded to Blevins Asphalt and they will start late July on 15th Street, continuing on to streets that are in the plan.

  - Parking lot at the Joplin Airport will be postponed until alternative sources of funds are available.

- Project Updates

  - MoDOT Cost Share Program, Missouri Moves, cost share program that legislature has appropriated approximately $20,000,000.00 available to communities to help advance projects. Applications for funds will entail but not be limited to the following:

    - Remove and replace bridge over I-44 on "Connecticut Avenue with MoDOT funds. Four (4) traffic lane bridge with and shared-use lanes on both sides for bicycle/pedestrian traffic. If the application for the funds is accepted, construction will start next summer, for a duration of approximately 3 months.

- Widening of Connecticut to Range Line from 32nd St to 44th St with the use of Capital Sales Tax. Some land has been donated by land owners. The design will start soon and once it is complete, public meetings will be held. The City had to make certain agreements were in place before they submitted application for funds and that took one year to accomplish. This process is saving the tax payers substantial amount of money. Since part of the project is in the Village of Leawood, part of the Agreement involved them as well.

- Widening of St Louis from Broadway to Zora, from 2 lanes to 3 lanes with curb and gutter. Designed and construction will start summer of 2017, if funding application is approved.

- Parking lot extension at the airport.

- 20th Street Overpass construction has slowed down. Concrete curb and gutter on the bridge is being poured by a DBE company (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise), which is mandated by minority-hire regulations and they are progressing at a very slow pace.

- Zora Progressing. Some soil that is not fit for roads has to be dug out and replaced. The replacement has been challenged by the amount of rain that we have had. Plan is proceeding to complete the project this year.

- Other Business and Citizen Concerns

  - Ms Gagle re-addressed the need for a stop light at 32nd and McConnell. It is MoDOT regulated and they will entertain only a few interchange expansions based on the cost share program. It was an idea that was considered at one time but suspended due to lack of funds. Mr Salisbury said he could let MoDOT know that several people have noted a need for this type of traffic control at the intersection, but keep in mind that it is not one of the MoDOT's high needs.

  - Mr Mayer logged complaint of 20 mph on Main Street. Ms Oakes and Mr Wilson stated the need due to increased pedestrian traffic.

  - Mr Mayer addressed the long delay at the traffic light for north and south bound traffic at 4th and Joplin and 4th and Wall. He thought that if the signal rhythm was more efficient for north/sound bound traffic, it would reduce vehicle traffic on Main Street. Will place on Traffic Engineering list to investigate the signal timing in those areas.

  - Ms Gagle, 32nd and Range Line East/West Traffic long delay is the favor of Range Line due to the higher volume of traffic on that roadway.

With no further business to come before the Traffic Commission:

MR. WOOD MOVED, SECOND BY MR MAYER TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED WITH, MS. OAKES, MS GAGLE, MR WILSON, VOTING "AYE" (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Beverly Oakes, Acting Chairperson of the Commission

Michael Mayer

Bet Willhite, Acting Engineering Clerk

Kelly Provence