Traffic Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2022 @ 6:00pm

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

Roll Call:

- Members Present: John Bowling, Cassandra Maxfield, Shawn Hull, James Fleischaker, Richard Schurman
- City Staff Present: Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer; Sergeant Delzell, Traffic Sergeant

Election of New Chair Person:

John Bowling Nominated and Seconded. John Bowling elected as new Chairperson.

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of the Minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting.

Discussion Topics:

- Adele Avenue south of 26th Street Speeding
  - Group of residents that live along the street gathered to present concerns related to traffic on the street.
  - Multiple issues of near miss accidents as residents are pulling out of the driveways.
  - New apartments at the end of the dead-end road contributing to increased traffic and speeding.
  - Only access to the apartments is Adele Avenue.
  - Some particular vehicles consistently speed.
  - Speed Limit signs will be looked into.
  - Speed humps are a possibility if they meet the criteria.
  - A speed study will be performed either by the Police Department or Public Works.
  - Sergeant Delzell indicated that he would have an officer monitor the area when they have availability.
  - As other properties are developed, other accesses could potentially be developed. 29th Street off Maiden Lane is a private street so could not be utilized as a connection unless the owner agrees.
  - A complaint can be signed if the driver can be identified and they are consistently speeding. The Police Department will serve the complaint if the driver of the vehicle can be identified.
  - One thing that probably wouldn't be met with the speed hump policy is the daily traffic count. To qualify for speed humps, a street is supposed to have an average daily traffic of at least 500 vehicles which Adele will likely not have. An exception could likely be made if there is an apparent problem.
- High School Crossing
  - Report has been received from the consultant with the potential options for the crossing at the High School.

- Other Speeding Complaints
    - Landreth Avenue north of Broadway
    - Logan Drive between Swede Ln and St. Louis/Prairie Flower Rd
    - Depending on the results, may have citizens in to discuss issues.
- Traffic Signal Study
    - Biggest focus is getting an interconnected signal system so that the signals could be manipulated and accessed remotely. With the addition of pan, tilt, zoom cameras, intersections could even be remotely viewed.
    - Consultant will also recommend updated signal timings.
    - Also will have a recommendation given for how many signal technicians Joplin should have for the amount of infrastructure we have.

Traffic Commission Chair

Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer