Traffic Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023 @ 6:00pm

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

Roll Call:

- Members Present: John Bowling, Shawn Hull, Richard Schurman, Melissa Zolnierz
- City Staff Present: Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer; Sergeant Delzell, Traffic Sergeant; Michael Chase, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of the Minutes of the July 13, 2023, meeting.

Discussion Topics:

- Pedestrian Safety Ordinance
  - Already been approved by City Council.
  - Similar to an Ordinance Springfield has.
  - Limits pedestrians to cross at intersections and crosswalks, limits interactions between pedestrians and vehicles in the roadway.
  - Most of the ordinance is already State statute but this helps to apply it on the local level.
  - Only applies on arterial streets.
  - This ordinance is not targeted at the everyday pedestrian but to help enforce against the pedestrians that are blatantly not obeying.
- School Zone Markings
  - Looking at adding school zone markings on the street.
  - Considering for a future project, possibly next summer.
  - Would target areas such as 12th and Florida and 26th and New Hampshire.
  - The Traffic Commission voted to support a project of installing the school markings as a future project.
- Arbor Road Speed Humps
  - They were installed previously.
  - The majority of the neighborhood was against the speed humps so they will be removed soon since construction is finished.
  - PD will have officers out for enforcement following the removal of the speed humps.
- Commission Meeting Frequency
  - The infrequency of the meetings makes it difficult to properly represent and review traffic issues.
  - Special meetings can be called if needed when there are special issues that arise.
  - Potentially if the meeting frequency is increased then the length could be decreased.
  - Could also look at every six weeks instead so there would be 9 meetings a year.
  - Tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Other Issues

- 2nd Street east of Schifferdecker – small depression in the roadway.
- Traffic Calming budget has been raised as long as it is approved by council in October.

Traffic Commission Chair

Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer