Traffic Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2021 @ 6:00pm

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

Roll Call:

- Members Present: John Bowling, Michael Mayer, Cassandra Maxfield, Shawn Hull, James
- City Staff Present: Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer; Jared Delzell, Traffic Sergeant

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting.

Discussion Topics:

- 5th Street Parking between Main and Virginia
  - Moving forward with switching to parallel parking.
  - Sending a certified letter to the apartment owner prior to switching.
- Pedestrian Light near Highschool
  - City talked to CJW who helped design the signal on 26th Street.
  - Working with CJW to get agreement together to help with study and design.
- Briefing of Complete Streets Policy
  - Ordinance going to council the first meeting in December.
  - Policy that dictates that all modes of transportation will be considered on all new projects and major maintenance projects.
  - Includes items such as bike lanes, sidewalks, shared use paths, etc.
  - Not all projects would include every item, only where it makes sense.
  - Committee will be formed from city employees and members from outside groups. Committee will be tasked with enforcing and tracking certain metrics pertaining to the policy.
- Briefing of Active Transportation Policy
  - Olsson was hired to look at existing conditions and make recommendations to future improvements relating to active transportation.
  - Some proposed projects include adding protected bike lanes on Joplin and Wall Avenues. There would be striping in between lanes and vertical flexible delineators in places.
  - Some of these projects would potentially be placed onto the next CIST program that is voted on in 2023.
  - These proposed projects are projects that could be completed mostly with painting and adding a few elements such as vertical delineators. These projects that don't need major construction are ideal to see the communities support level of these projects.

Other Business:

- Roundabout in front of Kohl's
  - Had citizen ask about the possibility of a roundabout in the area in front of Kohl's.

    - Possibility is very slim that a roundabout could be installed there
- Road noise
    - Possibility of adding to next agenda
    - Any noise in excess of factory is considered excessive and is illegal.
    - Resources are prioritized by loss of life and focused on intersections with high accident rates.
    - Ambient noise studies could be performed by engineering consultants.
- Arbor Hills Speeding
    - Speeding is a concern along the main road through the neighborhood.
    - Speed study is planned for Arbor Road.
    - If the police department gets multiple complaints for an area, they may put out a covert jammer to track speeds. Depending on the results, they may put out a speed trailer in the area and then enforcement will be determined on results.
    - Trailers are not utilized in residential areas as they get shot or tampered with.
    - Speeding seems to occur more along the ends of Arbor Road near the entrances.
    - Engineering will also use their own speed study devices in some areas.

Michael E. Mayer

Michael Mayer, Traffic Commission Chair

Dakota Rusk

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