# Traffic Commission

Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019 @ 6:00pm
602 S. Main St, Joplin, MO 64801, 5th Floor Council Study

**Roll Call:**

- Members Present: Robert Schroer, Trevor Frerer, Eric Wood, Michael Mayer, Alicia Edens, James Fleischaker
- City Staff Present: Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer; Dan Johnson, Assistant Director of Public Works: Engineering; Sgt. Jared Delzell
- Citizens Present: Randy S. with Jasper Products; Morris Glaze

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Approval of July 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- Unofficial Minutes from September 12, 2019 meeting; no quorum

**Discussion Topics:**

- Introduction of New Commission Member: Trevor Frerer

- Speedhump Installation
  - City has received numerous complaints
  - Already evidence (scrapes, etc) to drivers going over them at posted speed limit
    - Speed limit on street is twenty-five (25) miles per hour; recommended to go over speedhumps at fifteen (15) miles per hour
  - City paid entire cost of speedhumps
    - Cost share is stated in Traffic Calming Policy; City paid entire cost of speedhumps, per Council
    - Cost to the City was $9,500.00
  - Mr. Glaze told Commission of ribbon cutting he executed after installation of speedhumps
  - Contractor installed speedhumps without notifying the City of installation; no inspector was present.
  - According to measurement survey, speedhumps are not of uniform height
    - Height is supposed to be three (3) inches
    - Highest point is four and one half (4.5) inches, most measurement locations were between three (3) to four (4) inches
      - Measurements are within tolerance due to wearing over time
      - Visually looks higher than actual measurements
  - Speedhumps are black asphalt with yellow striping.

- Truck Traffic on Davis Blvd. & 32nd Street
  - Randy S. from Jasper Products and Morris Glaze presented issue regarding trucks pulling onto 32nd from Davis
  - Davis is a two-lane road with a stop sign at 32nd; trucks have difficulty pulling onto 32nd and cars waiting to turn behind the trucks are backed up
  - Previously discussed suggestions for improvement:
    - Add traffic light to Davis & 32nd
    - Move Davis up to Stevens and add a traffic light
    - Build a bridge over the railroad tracks

        - 32nd Street is a MoDOT street and controlled by state; City does not have jurisdiction to make alterations
    - The City has applied for a Tiger grant through MoDOT for a bridge over the railroad tracks
        - Information and letters of support have gone to MoDOT requesting funding or improvements for this intersection
        - Similar bridge on 20th Street was a $6 Million project
        - Davis would have to be re-routed to accommodate for bridge
        - Due to train traffic and intersection specifications, a viaduct bridge would be the best option
        - Signalizing the intersection would be very difficult due to train tracks at intersection; traffic would have to be coordinated with the Railroad company to accommodate for train traffic
        - City has three conceptual design ideas for intersection/viaduct
        - City staff stated they are looking at many different funding sources
        - City submitted information for funding with MoDOT
            - MoDOT listed this project as #10 on their unfunded needs list
        - MoDOT solution may be round-a-bout after Davis Blvd. re-route by City
            - Round-a-bouts are more costly but safer than traffic signals
    - Commission member noted this isn't something the City or Commission can vote on since 32nd is a state-owned street and City cannot add lights or make alterations without permission.
        - City staff stated the Commission could state, on record, they support improvements to this intersection
    - City would need right-of-way from business owners to re-route Davis Blvd.
        - General Mills owns lot on the NE corner of Davis Blvd. and 32nd Street
    - Jasper Products produces products on location on Davis and move to storage off-site
        - Average 216 truck moves per day, just from Jasper Products
        - Production is 24 hours per day, 364 days per year
    - Commission discussed possibility of short-term solution until funding for viaduct or permanent solution can be secured
    - Motion proposed to support the eventual building of a viaduct over the railroad tracks on E 32nd St and David Blvd. but in the interim would like staggered stop lights.
        - Motion seconded
        - Ayes unanimous
        - Motion carries
    - Mr. Glaze stated this issue would be taken to US representative Billy Long and state legislators Lane Roberts and Bill White; Council and the Mayor are aware of the issue.
    - According to City Staff, lights on 32nd and Davis Blvd. would be possible in one of two ways:
        - The state will permit to City to put in streetlights at the City's cost, or;
        - A cost share improvement shared between MoDOT and the City, possibly a 50/50% split
            - Only if project makes MoDOT's ranked list for funding

- Handicapped Parking for Businesses
    - City staff has received calls from business owners for the City to allow them to paint handicapped parking, or for the City to install handicapped parking, along street parking.
    - Parking is allowed on street, but not marked. No ramps onto sidewalk in the requested locations to accommodate for handicapped parking; would not be wheelchair accessible parking.
    - City staff asked for Commission input on this subject
        - Commission inquired if ramps would be then requested at every location with handicapped parking and who would be responsible for installation and cost
            - Policy will be written regarding businesses requesting handicapped parking

        - Commission inquired how the police department would be able to know if a parking spot meets qualifications for handicapped parking if businesses are allowed to paint in spots
            - City staff stated the City would inspect spots and create signage
        - PD representative stated on-street parking is cumbersome to enforce; PD receives parking violation complaints on 5th and Main and by the time they arrive the violation is no longer present
        - Idea discussed to limit number of years and have policy for reapplication for handicapped spots in front of businesses; also limit number of handicapped spots to no more than 20% of available spots; spots in front of businesses would be first come first serve until the 20% is met.
    - ADA ramps onto the sidewalks on corners cost roughly three to five thousand dollars per ramp
        - ADA ramps are installed on corners in order to meet specifications and requirements for ADA ramps
        - General ramps onto the sidewalks cost roughly fifteen hundred dollars
    - Motion to consider adding handicapped parking on 5th Street at requested location(s) on a temporary basis.
        - Motion seconded
        - Ayes unanimous
        - Motion carries
    - Motion to consider adding handicapped parking on Broadway at requested location(s) on a temporary basis.
        - Motion seconded
        - Ayes unanimous
        - Motion carries

- Traffic Memos
    - Council reviewed recent traffic memos from the City Traffic Engineer

- Meeting adjourned

Michael E. Mayer

Michael Mayer, Traffic Commission Chair

Carrie Mercadante, Senior Clerk, Engineering