



TRAFFIC SAFETY

COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON January 9

Commission members & staff present:

Terry Allen	Beau Horn	Shawn Irving
Carl Nightengale	Lonnie Sanner	Vern Wells

Absent:

Kie Cottam	Tim Hinds
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Visitors: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approved as written

VISITOR BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Four-way stop was recommended for G and 7th Streets.
Pending action by Public Works.
2. No parking signs for Monmouth Street between 3rd and 8th.
City has ODOT approval.
Pending action by Public Works.

3. Stryker Road and Rte. 51 intersection needs widening, which could be done by adding additional culvert piping in the ditch and covering that area with fill to widen the turn. The area belongs to ODOT and they would have to approved and install the changes. Since ODOT is so difficult to work with and there have been no further problems here since July – no further action.
4. Complaints of large trucks using Gun Club Road, which is currently signed “*NO Trucks*”.
At a previous meeting TSC recommended removing the *NO Trucks* signs on Gun Club and its approaches.
This recommendation has been approved by the City Manager.
Public Works will remove the signs as time allows.
In addition, there was a question about whether our committee should take on a study of all large-truck-traffic for all routes in and out of the city? If so, what, how, and who need determining.
This meeting we determined that this matter was covered in the City Transportation Plan.
Therefore, no further TSC action is needed.
5. Barriers for the Dusty Spur on Main Street were requested by the property owners.
We have been told that a plan agreeable to the building owners, the lessee of the store, and the Community Development Director is being worked on. There is a question about how much, if any, the City will fund.
This matter is no longer in the hands of the Traffic Safety Commission.
6. Waiting yellow curbing in front of Lee Gardens to prevent parked vehicles on Main Street from obstructing the southbound traffic lane and the view of Main Street by vehicles attempting to turn from Polk Street. This is a result of the addition of a left turn lane at this location.
Public Works is awaiting good weather to paint this curb.
7. Speeders coming to and from the Movie theater. The police department assigned additional patrol to the area but found no excessive speed.
No further complaints.
8. There was earlier discussion about our City parking violation fine amounts being too low. We Compare our fines with what other cities charge to see if our fines are too low.
Fines are comparable with some Cities and somewhat below others – no further action recommended at this time.
9. Direction signs to Salem on Main Street near the bridge are to be installed.
Pending action by Public Works.
10. The crosswalk in front of Colonia Amistad is in mid-block and will be more difficult for drivers to observe. Warning signs have been erected near the crosswalk.
Kie will advise on the possibility of adding flashing lights for these signs. new concern just came in about the vehicles parking too close to the crosswalk and thereby blocking the view of pedestrians in the crosswalk until they enter the street. We will look at this issue at our next meeting.

11. New proposed wording for the Traffic Safety Commission authorizing ordinance (draft attached).
The new working was approved by this commission. It will be forwarded to the City Council for adoption.

12. The new railroad *stop* signs on G Street have been changed to *Yield*.
ODOT admitted it was a mistake. No further action.

13. A resident complaint of lack of speed limit signs on Hwy51/N. Main Street.
There are enough signs, but some are blocked by small tree. Waiting contractor to trim the branches or move the signs. This issue is still on the project punch list.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Safe Routes to School. The ACTS 2008 grant request for a SR2S coordinator funding has been rejected because this grant and the SR2S ODOT grant funds come from the same pool. Shawn is looking for a way to fund a coordinator through the existing SR2S grant funds.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 19

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