

Traffic Commission

Official Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2019 @ 6:00pm

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

Roll Call:

- Members Present: Robert Schroer, Eric Wood, Michael Mayer, Alicia Edens, James Fleischaker
- City Staff Present: Jared Delzell, Police Sergeant and Watch Commander; Steven Martinez, Civil Engineer; Dan Johnson, Assistant Director of Public Works: Engineering; David Hertzberg, Director of Public Works
- Citizens Present: Diane Reid-Adams, City of Joplin Councilwoman; Morris Glaze, Former City of Joplin Councilman;
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Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made to accept April 11th minutes as written - No Corrections Recommended
- Motion to accept minutes as written made by Michael Mayer; Ayes were unanimous

Old Business:

- 36th Street Speed Humps
 - More cost-effective options were discussed, such as stop signs at cross streets. Warrant studies show stop signs are not effective speed control devices but are effective for safety.
 - 36th Street and Brownell Speed Study information was given by Dan Johnson:
 - Over 500 vehicles per day
 - Highest speed by any vehicle was 45
 - 85th percentile speed was 35.7
 - There are City roads with as many houses that has a speed limit of 35
 - Before it is called a “safety issue” many more issues need to be studied
 - Example: streets are not narrow, no accidents, etc.
 - 36th Street and Wisconsin
 - City prefers to redo speed study since numbers are from October 2018
 - New study started May 9th at 10:00am and will be a 7-day study
 - Information will be presented at July 11, 2019 Meeting
 - Funding for Speed Humps
 - Oversight Committee will need to provide information regarding available funds
 - Engineering will be making presentations to Council regarding current year projects in process being funded from those budgets
 - Morris Glaze stated there were ample funds listed on a Spreadsheet in January 2019.
 - Michael Mayer – motion to send recommendation to council that speed humps be placed on 36th Street between Brownell and Connecticut; Seconded; Ayes Unanimous
 - Committee asked Morris Glaze if he, as the spokesperson for the citizens of 36th Street, feels the committee researched enough and provided a solid answer; Mr. Glaze gave affirmative response
 - Diane Reid-Adams, resident of 36th street, spoke of speeding issues and children safety on the street
 - Sgt. Delzell stated Joplin PD has reached out to the residents of Housing Complex on 36th Street. Joplin PD has addressed alleged bus infractions and PD receives information from the schools regarding bus stop sign violations. Joplin PD charges individuals who violate bus stop signs every time and the school informs PD when it happens.

- Traffic Calming Policy
 - Criteria and Results - Discussion regarding Criteria and Results standards needed in policy. Sidewalks, children, clear views, etc. included as factors. List of factors can be included in policy; should be treated on individual basis.
 - Policy is for residential streets, not collector/arterial streets
 - Motion to send Traffic Calming Policy to Council with proposed typo changes; Seconded; Ayes Unanimous

New Business:

- 1st Street Speeding Issues
 - Beck's on 1st street addressed the Commission regarding traffic, speeding, and other issues with the Athletic Center. 1st Street not built for increased traffic since 2012.
 - Possible alternative traffic outlets, parking areas and signage discussed
 - Speed Study done in April 2019
 - 1216 vehicles per day
 - Average speed of all 25mph
 - 85th percentile speed 32mph
 - Review of crash history revealed no crashes in the last year
 - New speed sign put up shortly before speed study; may have helped
 - Need to do further speed study during next summer to see if seasonal change; City will keep an eye on this area; can use speed trailers for raw data collection any time
 - Motion to table until further data is received from speed trailer; seconded; Ayes Unanimous

Motion to adjourn meeting; seconded; Ayes Unanimous

Michael Mayer, Chairman

Carrie Mercadante, Senior Clerk