

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
June 15, 2016

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny, Donna Lawrence, and Fred Davis

ABSENT MEMBERS: Jim Bishop and vacant position

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Jay Waterbury – Police Chief, Steve Baska – City Police, Russ Brown – City Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Leta Barclift – owner Pioneer Electric

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the May minutes. Chuck Covert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

See New Business

OLD BUSINESS:

A) West 6th Street adjacent to City Park – Request to Change “No Parking” signs to “Loading Zone Only” signs instead

City Staff met on sight and agreed to change the signage to a loading zone and will yellow the curb out approximately 13 feet. No further action needed.

B) Intersection of Scenic and Jefferson Improvements

Dale McCabe told the commission the “Offset Intersection” signs have been ordered and he has contacted Codes Enforcement (Nikki Lesich) to work with the property owners to trim the trees for improved visibility.

C) Trick or Treating at the Downtown Businesses

Donna Lawrence will contact the City’s Chamber of Commerce and check on the status of the annual event.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request for No Parking on SW corner of Jefferson & 14th Street

Discussion was held regarding width of road and vehicles that have recently started parking on Jefferson causing traffic to cross the center line to avoid hitting the parked car. Staff suggested “No Park” signs on both the east and west sides of Jefferson near 14th Street. Donna made a motion to follow staff recommendations. Chuck Covert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B) Request for Additional unloading Zone on Laughlin between 1st and 2nd on the West Side of Laughlin

Leta Barclift, owner of Pioneer Electric, asked for an additional loading zone on Laughlin because when the delivery trucks unload appliances they currently have to unload into the alleyway or street with their appliances and an additional space would allow them to park along the curb. A discussion was held regarding the size of the yellow zone that was previously there and it was questioned why it was grayed out? No reason was known. With a safety first thought process, Fred Davis made a motion to revert the yellow paint back to the distance it was previously painted. Donna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

C) Veteran's Office parking signs

A discussion was held regarding the hand written "Parking Reserved for Veterans Services Only, Thank You, City of The Dalles" signs in the parking lot next to the Veteran's Office. Who wrote the signs and who authorized the placement of the signs? Why is that office allowed any special parking places in a public parking lot? No answers to the questions are available. Chief Waterbury will contact the City Manager with those questions and relay the answers to Public Works staff for the July meeting.

D) A Thank You from the Chief

Chief Waterbury said that he had been attending the Traffic Safety Commission meetings for about 20 years and he wanted to sincerely thank the volunteers who sit on the Traffic Safety Commission. Volunteers save the staff a lot of time and he truly appreciates their efforts.

E) Transportation System Plan

Dale McCabe informed the commission the next TSP – Public Advisory/Technical meeting will be held June 20th, from 3:30p to 5:30p at City Hall.

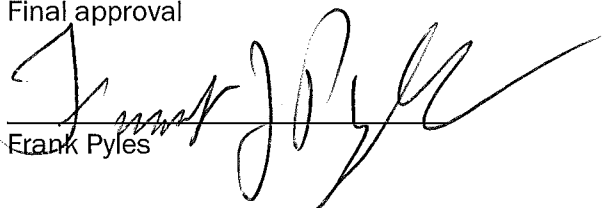
F) Speed Trailer needed on East Side of Town

Frank Pyles is concerned about speeding motorist and requested the speed trailer for the areas on 10th, 12th and 14th between Old Dufur Road and Lambert. Chief Waterbury asked if he could be more specific, example – specific car(s), certain times, which street most likely to occur – these questions help the police department tremendously when trying to catch speeders.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chuck Covert moved to adjourn. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval


Frank Pyles