

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

of

January 16, 2019

7:00a

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Larry Fairclo, Brent Bybee and Michael Holloran

ABSENT MEMBERS: Mike Kilkenny and one vacancy

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Chris Harrell – Transportation Manager, Russ Brown – City Councilperson, Jeff Kienlen – Safety Officer, Jay Raglund – City Police, Gene Parker – City Attorney and Cindy Kever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Brent Bybee made a motion to approve the December minutes. Larry Fairclo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Cell Phone Usage While Driving Fines

City Attorney, Gene Parker, talked to the group about the cell phone violations and the fine amounts that can be issued.

Michael Holloran spoke to the group about the Distracted Driving class he had attended recently. He felt the class was a good option but reminded all that attending the class does not erase the first ticket from your record. Mike will visit with Municipal and Circuit Court judges to see how they are handling tickets for cell phone usage.

Larry Fairclo and Fred Davis talked about getting a billboard put up reminding drivers to not text and drive. Larry will check with ODOT about options.

B) Radar Trailer on Dry Hollow b/t 14th & 19th Streets

Dale McCabe spoke to the group about the idea of reducing the speed on Dry Hollow from 30 to 25 mph. Staff is not in favor of that action at this time but was willing to look at installing a stationary solar powered radar speed sign to alert drivers of the speed which they are traveling. A suggestion was made to possibly look at a sign that could be easily moved also.

C) 2nd & Washington West Bound Left Turn Lane

Dale talked to the Commission about the need to have a turn lane for vehicles making turn onto Washington and mentioned there is the same need at 2nd and Union Street. A discussion followed.

Brent made a motion to keep the turn lanes, widen the painted lines and lengthen the turn lane area to accommodate two vehicles, which would take away one parking place on 2nd Street. Fred Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Commission Vacancy

Donna Lawrence gave her notice of resignation, effective immediately, after the December meeting. Commission members asked if Safety Officer Kienlen could be a member of the Traffic Safety Commission. Staff will ask City Clerk about possibility and will let members know at February meeting.

B) 6th & Pomona Turn Lane

Dale McCabe updated the Commission regarding progress of the hotel being built on West 6th Street near Pomona and the need for the purchase of right away from two more pieces of property for a change of the width, striping and sidewalk installation in the area.

C) Introduction of New Police Officer

Officer Kienlen introduced Jay Raglund as a new member of the City Police Department.


D) 2nd & Washington Left Turn Lane

Brent Bybee talked about the left turn lane on 2nd Street and the need to eliminate it. A discussion was held regarding which size vehicles can use it and which cannot. Also, if there is still a need for the left turn lanes on Washington and Union at 3rd Street. Dale said staff will look at the area and report back to the commission at the February meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Brent Bybee moved to adjourn. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval



Frank Pyles