

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
May 21st, 2014

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny,
Jim Bishop and Donna Lawrence.

ABSENT MEMBERS: John Layson

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation
Manager, Jay Waterbury – Chief of Police, Tim McGlothlin
– Council Representative and Cindy Keever –
Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ethan Wray

A mistake was noted in the last sentence of the April minutes. Mike Kilkenny Pyles needs to be changed to Mike Kilkenny. Chuck Covert moved to approve the corrected April minutes. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Stop Bar on 9th Street & Kelly Avenue

Dale McCabe reported that he and Bill Barrier had met on site and changes were made based on observation and MUTCD rules. The stop bar was moved to the curb line, approximately 6' to 8' towards Kelly Avenue. The Transportation Division painted a new stop bar.

2) Curb Cuts Along 9th & Trevitt Streets

John Nelson said he had looked at the parking lot and curb cuts in that area and thought a curb cut could be eliminated. A discussion was held regarding the area and the improvements that are scheduled to happen along Trevitt Street. No action needed at this time.

3) 10th & Thompson Traffic Study

Donna Lawrence volunteered to write a letter from the Traffic Safety Commission to the City Council expressing support for the money that was budgeted for the study to be used towards street repair. Discussion followed regarding the benefits of the study and the belief that the study should not happen at this time. Tim McGlothlin said he would take the ideas that were presented during the discussion and pass them along to the City Council members. No other action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Maintenance and Repair of Streets

Tim said he has noticed the potholes around town being filled. Bill updated the TSC about the chip sealing, crack sealing and paving projects that are scheduled to take place around town.

2) Traffic Counters in Town

Bill reported ODOT currently has traffic counters out in many locations around town. Data collected from the ODOT counters is used towards road classifications, grants and usage information. The City will be setting out traffic counters later this summer.

3) Election of Officers

Frank Pyles nominated John Nelson for the Chairman position. Jim Bishop seconded the nomination and the motion passed unanimously.

John Nelson nominated Frank Pyles for the Vice Chairman position. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

4) Miscellaneous

Chuck Covert and Tim McGlothlin both reported speeders at the top of Brewery Grade. Tim said there were also problems around 9th and Trevitt Street.

Concern was expressed regarding the horse and buggy that is seen around town and the speed it travels while on the streets. Frank Pyles suggested a slow moving sign on the back of the carriage. Chief Waterbury will look into the permit requirements.

Frank reported there are a couple of areas that need the trees trimmed. Areas needing attention are 12th and Thompson, SW corner and 10th and Thompson, SE corner. Bill will look at the areas and trim if on right of way.

Chuck Covert invited members to attend the meeting on May 23rd between the City Council and the County Commissioners regarding funding for streets and roads.

Bill told members the Transportation Division currently has a crew out painting City streets.

Parents of students at the gymnastic studio are continuing to park along the bike lane on River Road. Chief Waterbury will have his crew check the parking situation periodically. Tickets will be issued to violators.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson