

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

August 20, 2014

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny, Fred Davis, and Jim Bishop

ABSENT MEMBERS: Donna Lawrence

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Clay Smith and Russ Brown

Chief Waterbury asked to correct the July minutes to show the street as Lincoln (not Liberty) and 14th. Chuck Covert moved to approve the corrected July minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) 14th and Lincoln – Approved Trees

Bill Barrier will talk to the Wasco County Extension Agent, Lynn Long, to see if the cherry trees in the parking strip are a problem for local cherry growers and their trees. A list of approved street trees from the City's Ordinance book will be sent to members before the September meeting.

2) Driving Etiquette for Round About

Dale McCabe read a handout to members regarding rules while using a roundabout. Members recommended taking the information to the PW Director and City Manager for their approval. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to have the driving etiquette rules made into a PSA and the information be posted on the City website, put in the newspaper and run on the local radio stations. Chuck seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Vegetation Growing in Right of Way Areas

Jim Bishop mentioned the Russian thistle that is growing on 1st Street (in the railroad right-of-way) needs to be taken care of. Bill will contact the new track master for this area about the problem.

Fred Davis said at 6th and Court Street, mainly looking south, the trees on Court Street need the lower branches trimmed up. At 9th and Wright ivy is has grown totally around the tree and has

become big and bushy. Both areas are difficult to see around when stopped at the stop signs. Bill will look at the areas and report his findings at the September meeting.

Clay Smith asked about property owner's responsibilities and puncture vine. Bill reported it is the property owner's responsibility to take care of any puncture vine that is found. A short discussion followed.

2) Miscellaneous

Bill reported the County will finish painting this week and the concrete contract on 3rd Place between Trevitt and Lincoln Streets received no bids so the project will go out to bid again this winter for a spring completion project. Tim McGlothlin has also noticed the pavement near the corner by St. Peters Church (3rd and Lincoln) is getting rough too. Tim suggested a PSA letting people know the reason for the delay of the 3rd Street project.

A reminder to all that Cycle Oregon will be coming to the area the first weekend in September with over 2000 bicyclist participating in the week long event. Tim said The Dalles has been named one of the friendliest towns in Oregon for bikers.

Chief Waterbury told members about ODOT's future plans for reconstruction of I84 thru The Dalles.

Chuck Covert spoke briefly to the group regarding road problems in the County and things that did not get passed. Chuck also mentioned the difficulty when trying to make a left hand turn onto Old Dufur Road from the top of Freemont. Caution is needed when making that left hand turn.

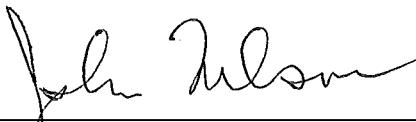
Frank Pyles warned members when using the crosswalks near the Post Office, (2nd and Union). Drivers do not pay close enough attention to pedestrians and it is very dangerous to use the crosswalks (even when the pedestrian has the right of way). Chief Waterbury said it is the busiest walking intersection in town.

Bill reported ODOT will soon be installing signs for the north and south bound traffic at the light quads of 2nd and Webber and 6th and Webber

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson