

Traffic Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2021 @ 6:00pm

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

Roll Call:

- Members Present: Trevor Frerer, Michael Mayer, James Fleischaker, John Bowling, Cassandra Maxfield, William Tylle
- City Staff Present: Sgt. Jared Delzell; Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes were not available for approval.

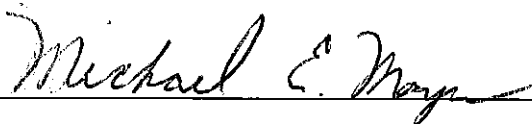
Discussion Topics:

- East 26th Street speeding concern from citizen
 - Due to the construction being done by Missouri American Water, no speed studies were done since last meeting. Should have data by next meeting.
 - Striping will have to be touched up in areas where concrete intersected striping.
- MNA Railroad Track Crossings
 - Mr. Rusk explains that City staff met with representatives of MNA RR and MoDOT's railroad division.
 - The crossings along tenth street were looked at along with a few other along that line.
 - Mr. Rusk states that 9th and Murphy will be getting reworked with the City's yearly overlay contract.
 - MNA plans to temporarily patch the worst crossings immediately and then in the spring will go in and put in hot mix asphalt. A few of the crossings will be added to MNA's 2022 list for permanent repairs.
 - The crossings were not looked at in the north area of town.
 - A question was brought up if a crossing would be added near Campbell Parkway and Murphy Blvd.
 - Mr. Rusk explained that that would be considered in the future when City staff take a further look into the possible trail crossing under 7th St through the box culvert.
 - It was also added that there will likely be some consideration for a crossing on St. Louis Ave. as there is a lot of foot traffic in that area.
- General Update on City Projects
 - Roundabout at 44th and Connecticut has been opened and the south portion of 44th street is being worked on now.
 - There is still the final layer of asphalt to lay on that project as well.
 - An appraiser was found for the project widening Connecticut Ave from 32nd Street to the I-44 Bridge and the project is on schedule for the 2023 construction season.
 - The west 32nd Street project is planned to be bid out in the spring and construction to begin in the summer.
 - The current plan is to start on the east side near Schifferdecker and work to the west all the way to the roundabout.
 - The road being built will be 3-lane however, right-of-way is being acquired for a future 5-lane widening.
 - A ten-foot shared use concrete path will be added along one side of the new road.
 - Phase one of the Zora widening project from Range Line Rd to 249 has been set as a roundabout at the intersection of Duquesne Rd.
 - Question was asked if 4th Street is closing tomorrow due to the signs saying a future closing.
 - Mr. Rusk stated that it may have been a mistake for a project that was scheduled for a later date and that he would look into it.

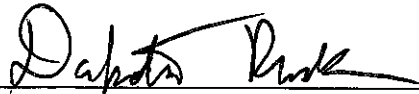
- Project is under design for the signal at 4th and Murphy and potential intersection improvements. Focus is being given to the proximity of the railroad tracks.
- Update on Streetlights
 - City staff recently drove around many of the main streets and took notes on which lights were out which will then be passed onto Liberty.
 - See Click Fix is also used by citizens to report lights that are out.

Other Business:

- Mr. Mayer stated that there is a rather large pothole at St. Louis and Murphy Blvd.
- Mr. Mayer asked if there was any consideration of removing the signal at 7th and Pennsylvania and 7th and Pearl.
- Mr. Rusk stated that Pennsylvania had not been looked into but that the city had applied for grants to remove the bridge and put back an at grade road.
- Mr. Bowling voiced that due to maintenance costs, is a road even needed there.
- MoDOT has been in contact with the developer at the Pearl development and the South-bound signal will be removed but there is currently no definite answer but will likely be looked at in the future.
- Sgt. Delzell brought up that there is still Catholic School and the memorial education center on Pearl that generates traffic on the street.
- Mr. Mayer Asked if it would be possible to make the left turn at 4th and Range Line could be a flashing arrow.
- Mr. Rusk said he could ask MoDOT but wasn't sure if that signal had the capability of running different timings.
- Ms. Maxfield brought up a pothole on the edge of the road on 32nd Street between Iron Gates and Schifferdecker.
- The TIF district for the Menards is proceeding forward near the Sam's Club. MoDOT has tentatively approved their plans.
- MoDOT is requiring the developer to add a dual left turn lane on 32nd Street for the development.
- The relocated Hammons Blvd. will not be in the way of a future railroad viaduct.
- A conceptual plan was developed for a signal and reroute of Davis Blvd. at 32nd Street and discussions were held with General Mills. There is currently no plan or funding for the project but it will likely happen in the future.



Michael Mayer, Traffic Commission Chair



Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer