

Traffic Commission

Unofficial Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019 @ 6:00pm

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

Roll Call:

- Members Present: Robert Schroer, Ervin Wilson, Michael Mayer, Alicia Edens, James Fleischaker
- City Staff Present: Dakota Rusk, Civil Engineer; Dan Johnson, Assistant Director of Public Works: Engineering; Sgt. Jared Delzell
- Citizens Present:

Approval of Minutes:

- No minutes approved; unofficial meeting

Discussion Topics:

- Traffic Calming Policy
 - Change order has been executed
 - Emery Sapp & Sons will complete speed humps once they mobilize for the next paving season
 - City sign shop already has signage complete for speed humps
- New Traffic Engineer
 - Traffic Engineer introduced at last meeting has resigned
 - Dakota Rusk is new Traffic Engineer for the City
- Joplin Ave & 6th Street
 - Showed Commission photos of blocked vision by drivers due to parked vehicles and delivery trucks on Joplin Ave. near the 6th Street intersection
 - Intersection is not safe; department is reviewing options to improve safety and visibility
 - City Ordinance for parking is 15 ft. back and 140 ft. down, nothing over 2 ft. tall
 - Much of the parking at that intersection is against City ordinance, but all parking cannot be removed because it would be detrimental to the business
 - Property owners would be notified prior to any parking changes and invited to the Traffic Commission to offer feedback
 - "No Truck" or "No Delivery Vehicles" parking is also an option
 - Alleyway is too tight a turn for delivery trucks and cannot be blocked
- Speed Trailer on Joplin Ave
 - Pulled data for 8 hours on a Third Thursday
 - Average speed is 21 miles per hour on Joplin Ave between 6th and 7th Streets
- Broadway and School St.
 - City Staff presented Commission with photos of blocked vision due to parking
 - Photos submitted by citizen via See Click Fix
- NorthPark Crossing behind Kohl's
 - Bushes block vision at 3rd Street intersection, issue submitted by Ervin Wilson
 - That issue is when emerging from a private drive, not a City street, according to Sgt. Delzell

- Tree Removal Services
 - City will be using a tree and bush removal service to remove problem vegetation
- List of Reported Issues
 - Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer, has a list of reported traffic issues, most of which were submitted via SeeClickFix
 - 73 items reported since February
- Police Department and Public Works
 - The Police Department works closely with Public Works/Engineering to make recommendations and provide information for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements such as adding signage, changing speed zones, etc.



Carrie Mercadante, Senior Clerk