

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
April 15, 2015

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Fred Davis

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Russ Brown – Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Clay Smith and Fire Chief Bob Palmer

Chuck Covert made a motion to approve the March minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Tree Trimming

The Transportation Division has not had a chance to trim the trees on Court Street, near 6th Street. They are on the top of the list to be trimmed.

2) Root Lift at 6th & Liberty

Bill Barrier will put this on his patch list for repair.

3) Jefferson Street Bus Traffic

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Election of Officers

A short discussion was held regarding term limits, (which is two terms of 4 years per term, unless the member was appointed to fill an unexpired term), and a reminder that the Chairman and Vice Chairman positions are for one year periods.

Chuck Covert made a motion to re-elect John Nelson as the Chairman for the Traffic Safety Commission. Jim Bishop seconded that motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck made a motion to re-elect Frank Pyles as the Vice Chairman for the Traffic Safety Commission Jim Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2) Request for No Parking Signs @ Washington & 15th

Bill brought a request to the members from a homeowner asking for a No Parking sign at the end of Washington and 15th Street. Donna Lawrence made a motion to install a sign in the right of way at the end of Washington. Mike seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3) Request for Additional Signage at the Top of Fremont near Wasco Drive

Fire Chief, Bob Palmer was in and explained that Station 2 – Columbia View Heights, will be completed by June 15th and a two person staff should be in place by July. This brought up his concern regarding fire trucks pulling out of Wasco Drive onto Fremont and the limited visibility to see cars that are heading up Fremont. He is wondering if there is some kind of warning light or sign that could be installed on Fremont letting drivers know emergency vehicles are responding to a call.

A discussion was held regarding options. For a solar powered blinking sign the cost is approx. \$5000 to \$7000. Could an electric sign possibly be cheaper? What are some other options? Bill explained the area of roadway is under both City and County jurisdiction. Dale suggested City staff work with Chief Palmer to look at options before the station opens.

Clay Smith told Chief Palmer he is a member of the Northern Wasco County PUD and they are currently accepting grant applications and he thinks this project would fall under their grant. Chief Palmer will meet with Clay after this meeting to discuss grant criteria and he will meet with City staff to discuss signage options.

Information will be brought back to future TSC meeting.

4) Safe Routes to School

Bill read a request from Mimi McDonald asking for volunteers from the Commission to be involved with the Safe Routes to School group. Mike nominated John Nelson to be the TSC representative. Donna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5) Request for a Stop Sign at 14th and Laughlin

Bill received a request from a citizen asking for a stop sign at the NW corner of Laughlin and 14th Street. A map of the area was studied and a discussion was held. Mike made a motion to approve the installation of a stop sign. Donna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dale McCabe gave members an update on the mega haul schedule for the transformers, the Scenic Drive construction project, the 3rd Place sidewalk and pavement project and the 7th Street construction project.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson