

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
May 19, 2014

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Police Chief Greg Horne, Fire Chief Tom Lonyo, Councilman Ron Monday.

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Lydia Mihalik, Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

GUESTS PRESENT: Jennifer Cramer, George Adam and members of Findlay Hunter's Ridge Homeowners Association.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Jennifer Cramer, 929 East Main Cross Street, to reduce speed to 25 MPH on East Main Cross from Osborn to beyond Huron Road.

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Jennifer Cramer stated that there are drivers that speed around the curve near the Blanchard River dam on East Main Cross Street. She is concerned for safety of those walking in the area. Councilman Monday stated several years ago this request came before the Traffic Commission. At that time it was discussed that East Main Cross Street from Osborn to Bright Road is to be posted 35 MPH because it is over one mile long (1.1 miles long) without having to stop, and East Main Cross Street from Osborn to Blanchard Street is to be posted 25 MPH because it is under one mile long (.9 mile long). Councilman Monday stated this is due to state law. Chief Lonyo stated that there have been numerous accidents with motorists ending up in the river and suggested that East Main Cross from Osborn to Bright Road be made 25 MPH. Director Schmelzer stated that we need to research the law to determine if we can legally lower the speed limit to 25MPH.

Motion to table request by Councilman Monday, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

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Motion to lift item from table, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 4-0.

Director Schmelzer stated that Law Director Don Rasmussen stated that the speed limit should remain at 35 MPH based on ORC 4511.65. The City can put up sign warning of a curve and hidden driveway. Stoffel stated that there are chevron signs posted warning of the curve. Chief Horne stated that he will increase the patrol and enforcement in the area to help slow motorists.

Motion to deny request to reduce the speed limit to 25 MPH on East Main Cross Street from Osborn to Bright Road, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Monday. Motion to amend to include approval of posting additional signs to warn of the curve ahead with speed limit advisory, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion as amended passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of George Adam, Sr., on behalf of the Findlay Hunter's Ridge Homeowners Association, to change the stop sign at the corner of Williams and Lippincott to a Yield sign; and to revisit the temporary traffic flow pattern on Fishlock Avenue during the Hancock County Fair.

Motion to remove all signage at the corner of Williams and Lippincott until the road is improved, by Chief Lonyo, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 4-0.

Director Schmelzer stated that the City's Event Committee reviews the request of the Hancock County Fair each year to temporarily change the traffic flow on Fishlock Avenue for the duration of the Fair. When the Event Committee meets to discuss this, the City will contact Mr. Adam to invite him and other members of the Findlay Hunter's Ridge Homeowners Association to attend to give input. Prior to this meeting, Chief Horne suggested the Homeowners Association meet with Lt. Ring to discuss alternatives to the current traffic flow plan. A map of the traffic flow will be emailed to Mr. Adam for review. Mayor Mihalik mentioned that she will reach out to residents in Hunters Creek to obtain their input.

2. Request of Adam Gelbaugh to place stop signs in the alley intersection of the first alley to the east of South West Street between Locust Street and Baldwin.

Chief Lonyo spoke with homeowner. The issue mainly occurs during pick up and drop off of students at Donnell Middle School. East/West direction would be best to place the stop signs. Chief Horne stated that this is a blind alley.

Motion to install stop signs in the alley intersection of the first alley to the east of South West Street between Locust Street and Baldwin in the east/west direction, by Chief Lonyo, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Request of Sandy Radabaugh, 640 Cherry Street, to change the following intersections to four-way stops: Dunn Avenue and Cherry Street, Central Avenue and Cherry Street.

Councilman Monday stated that he doubts this area meets the traffic warrant to make the intersections of Dunn Avenue and Cherry Street and Central Avenue and Cherry Street four-way stops.

Motion to deny request to make the intersections of Dunn Avenue and Cherry Street and Central Avenue and Cherry Street four-way stops, by Councilman Monday, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Request of Kathy Markley, 200 Clinton Street, to paint parking spaces on Clinton Street from Center Street to Cherry Street.

If Traffic Commission were to approve this request, the area could potentially lose parking spaces.

Motion to deny request based on one resident's request and that it would be more detrimental than helpful, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Lonyo. Motion passed 4-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on June 16, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk