

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
April 20, 2015

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Acting Fire Chief Matt Traver, Councilman Ron Monday.

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Don Rasmussen, Law Director; Kathy Launder, City Clerk; Councilperson Holly Frische.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dennis McPheron, Findlay City Schools.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request of Mayor Lydia Mihalik for a crosswalk on East Sandusky Street at Hunters Creek Drive.

12/15/2014

Motion to table request, by Director Schmelzer, second by Captain Young. Motion passed 4-0.

01/20/2015

Item remains tabled.

2. Request of Dave Honse, Street Department Supervisor, to implement a snow emergency policy effective beginning Winter 2015/2016 on Beech Street from East Lima Street to Hancock Street.

3/16/2015

Honse stated that when cars are parked on the street, it is very difficult to get a small plow truck down the street to plow snow. A fire truck would not be able to get through. This is the narrowest street. There are no snow emergency streets currently in Findlay. Director Schmelzer asked Honse to research how other communities handle snow emergency policies as it relates to parking on the street. Do they handle it by legislation or is it policy.

Motion to table request by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Findlay City Schools to review the crosswalk at Davis Street and Broad Avenue for potential signalization.

Director Schmelzer stated that this area meets the criteria of the mid block crossing policy. It was suggested to install a signal similar to the one that is installed at the West Main Cross Street and Broadway intersection. Traffic will only be required to stop if a pedestrian is in the crosswalk. Findlay City Schools would be responsible for the cost of the equipment, and the City will install the equipment at its cost. Another suggestion was to increase the street lighting. In previous requests, additional street lighting was denied due to the standard ordinance of a minimum distance required between street lights. Director Schmelzer will look into the ordinance relating to the distance between street lights and contact AEP regarding suggestions for additional lighting.

Motion to table by Councilman Monday, second by Chief Traver. Motion passed 3-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on May 18, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk