

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Greg Nelson, Joe Wuellner, Kurt Nelson, Tim Gillespie, Bob Shaw, Mike Guerra, Will Taylor. Also present: Bill Scarcliff, Bob Van Den Arend, Lee Ann Wrhel.

Kurt made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Will seconded. All in favor.

Tim made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2012 meeting. Kurt seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. *Citywide Review of Narrow Street Parking Restrictions*

There are actually two issues to this item. Narrow street parking restrictions and overnight parking restrictions. Mike and Dan Newcomb are working on making a map that will identify street widths throughout the city. Greg researched what some other cities have in place to address overnight parking. He shared the information with the committee members. The common restriction for overnight parking is 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Overnight parking restrictions address snow removal, street sweeping (especially leaves in the fall) and reduction of car burglaries.

Mike stated that on-street parking restriction recommendations are:

Streets less than 28 feet wide should have no parking

Streets 28 feet to 36 feet wide should restrict parking on one side

Streets over 36 feet wide should allow parking on both sides

The committee discussed the idea of maintaining consistency by having streets with parking on one side be the same throughout the city for east/west streets and the same for north/south streets.

As a place to start, the committee will get a list to council members of streets that meet the street width criteria for parking restrictions, seek input from council members and meet with them regarding this subject before proceeding further.

2. *"T" Intersections*

Will went out and did a complete inventory of all "T" intersections in town and whether or not they are controlled. The information was forwarded to Mike and Dan Newcomb. No further action was taken on this at this time.

New Business:

- 1. Consideration for 4-way stop Columbus & Easter*
During discussion of this request, it was noted that at this time Columbus stops for Easter. Due to the low volume of traffic in this location, Tim made a motion to leave the intersection as is. Seconded by Bill. All in favor.
- 2. Speed Limit Petri/Hanna*
By default, an unmarked residential street has a 30 mph speed limit. It is the consensus of the committee that Petri (which will be renamed to Hanna) between 5th and 14th should be 30 mph, especially in light of the curve in the road. Speed limit signs will be installed at both ends. One for traffic headed east (right past 5th Street) and one for traffic headed west (right past 14th Street).
- 3. No Parking 120 Elizabeth (Cordts Heating & A/C)*
This request was made by the business because vehicles park so close to the lot where they pull their trucks in and out for loading, it is hard for them to have access. After consideration of this request, Joe made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for No Parking – Loading Zone from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday in front of 120 Elizabeth Street. Will seconded the motion. All in favor.
- 4. No Parking Request 1836 Vienna Ct.*
This request was made due to vehicles parking in front of the mailbox and hindering mail delivery, garbage pick-up and newspaper delivery. Before making a decision on this request, Greg will contact the Postmaster to find out how much room mail delivery vehicles need to be able to deliver mail to residents who have street delivery to their mailboxes.
- 5. Handicapped Parking Spot @ Housing Office*
After completion of their office remodel, the Pekin Housing Authority has changed the location of their handicapped entrance to the building from their parking lot to the front of the office which faces 19th Street. They have a ramp at the curb in place. Will made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for the placement of a handicapped parking space on the south side of the ramp at the curb in front of the Pekin Housing Authority office on 19th Street. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Around the Table

Mr. Van Den Arend stated that he is impressed with the committee regarding the steps they take to address issues presented to them.

Mike informed the committee that the “no turn on red” signs that were taken down on N. 8th Street at Sheridan Road were put back up by the State of Illinois because the state had originally put them up at the request of a resident (who no longer lives in that location). He was informed that the city will have to make a request asking that the

signs be removed as the committee feels they are no longer necessary. Mike will get the address to Lee Ann and the letter will be sent from the Traffic Safety Committee.

Will has been asked if the property behind Sunset Plaza is an alley or private property. It is private property.

Kurt received a request regarding vehicles parked too close to the stop sign on Veerman at Willow. This will be forwarded to the police department for enforcement.

Greg received a request from Grace Baptist Church at the corner of 14th Street and Derby Street asking if they could have people from the church act as crossing guards on Sunday morning. They have very limited parking availability on their property and have been given permission to park in the lot across the street at 14th Street Hardware. He explained to them that they are not authorized to perform crossing guard duties. They are currently trying to cross at the alley next to that parking lot. The committee suggests that they have their members cross at 14th Street. The street department will paint the crosswalk at 14th Street.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2012 @ 8:30 A.M.