

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Greg Nelson, Joe Wuellner, Kurt Nelson, Tim Gillespie, Mike Guerra, Will Taylor. Also present: Bill Scarcliff, Jim Kaminski, Lee Ann Wrhel.

Joe made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Tim seconded. All in favor.

Tim made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting. Kurt seconded. All in favor.

Greg informed the committee that he will be out in training this summer and miss a couple meetings. Jim Kaminski will serve on this committee in his place during that time.

Old Business:

1. *Citywide Review of Narrow Street Parking Restrictions*

Mike did research on overnight parking. He distributed copies of what he found and reviewed some of the different restrictions that other cities have in place. Most of the overnight restrictions he found were from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. One city also posted the benefits of overnight parking restrictions on their website. He also researched overnight parking permits. The older parts of Pekin will be impacted the most by overnight parking restrictions. The common practice seems to be 2 permits per residence with allowances for occasional visitors and special circumstances. He included a sample ordinance from Providence, R.I. In Providence, it had been started as a pilot program. It appears that the Providence ordinance could be adjusted to fit Pekin. Joe made a motion to review the Providence ordinance and be ready to prepare an ordinance for review by City Council at the next committee meeting. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. *No Parking – Mailbox Delivery*

Greg distributed copies of the research he did regarding parking in front of mailboxes. Postal regulations state that in order for mail to be delivered to mailboxes mounted at the curb, 15 feet on both sides of the mailbox must be unobstructed. If any of that area is blocked, the carrier must skip delivery to that mailbox. Joe made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to add the wording “no parking within 15 feet of both sides of any mailbox Monday through Saturday that would block delivery of mail. In the event that the US Postal Service discontinues Saturday mail delivery, this will be in effect Monday through Friday” to modify the current parking ordinance. This would allow, for example, parking near mailboxes after the mail has been delivered each day. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor. Enforcement will be on a complaint driven basis.

New Business:

1. *Vienna Ct. Parking Issue - Mailboxes*
This is the same issue as addressed in Old Business, Item #2 above.
2. *Alley Traffic – Behind Trophy House/Behind Stegers*
The current Traffic Code states that all alleys from 8th Street to the river are westbound only. Joe made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to revise the current Traffic Code to state that all alleys allow traffic both directions unless posted otherwise. Will seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. *Traffic Signage (speed limit-stop/yield) Sun Valley*
A similar request was made for this subdivision in 2009 with no changes made. There have been no changes to the subdivision since that time. Tim made a motion to leave this subdivision as is. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. *No Parking Request – Haynes at St. Joseph Ct.*
To accommodate school bus traffic, Will made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for placement of a “No Parking Here to Corner on School Days” sign on the SW corner of St. Joseph Place at Haynes St. Bill seconded the motion. All in favor.

Around the Table

Kurt stated that speeding is an issue on Velde Drive.

Will asked about a truck that is parked off the street at Tazewell and Sunrise. Mike will check to see if it is on the city right of way.

Mike reported that work is being done to install street lights on Hanna Drive. There will be enough lights in place to illuminate the curve in the road.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING MARCH 1, 2013 @ 8:30 A.M.