

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**APRIL 5, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m.**  
**CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Greg Nelson, Tim Gillespie, Kurt Nelson, Mike Guerra, Bob Shaw.  
Also present: Bill Scarcliff, Jim Kaminski, Lee Ann Wrhel.

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

Tim made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2013 meeting. Bill seconded. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

*1. Parking Restrictions/Overnight Parking*

As a continuation of the discussion at the last meeting, Mike presented a packet of a proposed "Rules and Regulations for the Residential Overnight Parking Program". It was fashioned after the Providence, R.I. program and was revised to fit Pekin.

The proposal includes:

- Permits would be limited to 2 per household (unless special circumstances were approved).
- Temporary permits would be available for other types of vehicles that would be good for 72 hours.
- Visitor permits would be good for 7 days.

The permits would not override citywide parking bans and previously established parking restrictions in the city would remain in effect.

To be consistent with what is already in place on Center Street, a permit would be provided at a yearly cost of \$10 (to cover costs). Costs involved would include purchasing software, stickers and placards.

Residents would need to come to City Hall and apply for a permit. Yearly permits would be stickers in the back window of the vehicle and would be a different color for each year. Temporary/visitor permits would be placards hung on the rearview mirror with the expiration date written on it.

The system could be implemented through an "add-on" module to the current software system being used by the police department.

The need for this program includes:

- Strange vehicles will be out of neighborhoods.
- Snow removal will go smoother.
- Will provide a process for those who need overnight street parking.
- This is a good first step prior to addressing the citywide issue of parking on narrow streets.

Items not addressed in the draft proposal are:

- Requests made after the beginning of a year would be \$5 if there are 6 months or less left in the calendar year. Any time over 6 months left in a calendar year would be \$10.
- Permits would be tied to a specific vehicle. When obtaining a replacement vehicle, the current permit could be brought in for exchange.
- Complaint/appeal process.

Proposed implementation could be July 1<sup>st</sup>, with the first permit issued for 6 months. Implementation would begin with warnings to vehicle owners not familiar with the program, which would include information on how to proceed with obtaining a permit.

Mike will make revisions to the draft to address the items discussed at this meeting. He will present the document in final form at the next meeting to be reviewed by the committee for approval to present to city council.

## 2. *5<sup>th</sup> St./8<sup>th</sup> St./Willow St. Configuration*

In response to a citizen request at the last meeting, IDOT was contacted about a possible reconfiguration of this intersection. Mike gave an update on this matter. Last month he brought the current configuration to the attention of IDOT. They will evaluate the intersection, look into possible options and provide a response to the city. The cost of any change to the configuration would most likely be the responsibility of the city. The review by IDOT is a first step. It would take time to get a project like this completed. This configuration was done in the mid 90's (93/94). He will report back at the next meeting on any progress on this topic.

## **New Business:**

### 1. *Curve Warning – 2602 Willow Street*

George Sipka, 2602 Willow Street (346-1749) made this request due to 3 separate incidents where someone drove into his yard. Twice there was damage to his property and the third time the driver went through his yard and damaged property in his neighbor's yard. He requested a sign to warn drivers of the curve. He asked if the sign could be mounted on a utility pole that is in his yard between Hemlock and Schramm. Bill made a motion to install a sign on an existing pole on Mr. Sipka's property between Hemlock and Schramm warning eastbound drivers of the upcoming curve. The motion was seconded by Tim. All in favor.

## Around the Table

Ron Mayeur (907 Hamilton St., 309-678-7045, [ronmayeur@yahoo.com](mailto:ronmayeur@yahoo.com)) was in attendance at the meeting as an observer.

Bob Van Den Arend (1903 St. Clair Dr., 346-9510) attended the meeting. He asked if the overnight parking permits would be available to everyone. The response was yes, however, all current parking regulations will remain in effect. He also thanked the committee for their efforts on this project.

Tim reported that this could be his last meeting as a committee member since he will become a council member in May. He is interested in possibly staying on the committee as a liaison between the committee and city council.

Mike made a suggestion to invite council members to attend a committee meeting to see how the committee operates.

Mike reported that he is currently conducting a traffic study on Front St. from Rt. 29 to Distillery Rd. This is being done as a proactive measure in anticipation of the southern section of Veterans Drive to determine the best way to serve the industries located in that area of the city. He also reported that repair to the Sheridan Rd. bridge is scheduled for the summer of 2014.

Kurt asked about the completion date for Veterans Drive between Sheridan Rd. and Broadway Rd. Mike stated that it is anticipated to be open by the end of August.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lee Ann Wrhel

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING MAY 3, 2013 @ 8:30 A.M.**